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# Missile attack on tanker ends Gulf ceasefire

## Iranian gunboat fires on Norwegian-operated ship

From Marie Colvin, Dubai

A tanker was hit by a missile fired by an Iranian gunboat outside the mouth of the Gulf, about 45 miles east of Fujairah, shipping sources said here last night.

The attack breaks a month-long ceasefire in the Gulf "tanker war".

Shipping sources said the Iranian boat, manned by Revolutionary Guards, fired two missiles at the Norwegian-registered tanker, the *Oso Sierra*. Only one of the pair hit their intended target.

The tanker, managed by a Norwegian company and which operates out of Göteborg, Sweden, anchored at Fujairah last night after the incident. Shipping sources

said the missile could have been similar to missiles used by Iran in such attacks in the past - Sea Killers an Italian armament bought in 1972. They have a 10-year life, so none has yet exploded. Iran has also used 4.5-inch cannons fired from gunships.

There was no report of casualties or of how badly damaged the vessel was.

The *Oso Sierra* is the first ship attacked by an Iranian warship outside the Gulf, and diplomats here said this represented a developing phase in the Gulf war. It started with the mining of waters off Fujairah and Khor Fakkan in the Gulf of Oman, also outside the Persian Gulf. One mine last week holed the Texaco Caribbean and a second last Saturday destroyed a supply ship, the *Anita*.

A source here said: "For some reason they've decided to start hitting shipping outside the Gulf. This is a declaration of war with the whole world."

Because of the location of the attack, there was virtually no doubt it came from Iran. This is a startling, however, because the *de facto* ceasefire that has been in effect since July 15 is in Tehran's interest. Iran must export its oil through the Gulf, but Iraq moves out most of its production through overland pipes.

Iraq has said it would accept a UN Security Council resolution calling for a ceasefire if Iran also agreed. Iran has not

accepted the resolution, although neither has it rejected it. But it has also refrained from any attacks until yesterday.

Iran has already warned it would send the Gulf with mines unless the Arab Gulf countries stopped Iraq from attacking Iranian targets. It now appears to have increased the stakes.

Earlier, Kuwait found a mine about 15 miles off its main oil terminal yesterday - the first mine discovered in its waters since the US began escorting reflagged Kuwaiti tankers last month.

The mine was of the same type that hit four other ships in the Kuwaiti deep water channel to the Al-Ahmedi terminal between May and June. It was believed to have been laid by Iran, and aimed at four reflagged Kuwaiti tankers bottled up in Kuwait Harbour. Those vessels are loaded and ready to run the gauntlet back through the Gulf, but are waiting for a US Navy escort.

The four must travel out of Kuwaiti territorial waters alone before they pick up their escort in international waters.

● LONDON: Since July 20, when the Security Council unanimously passed Resolution 598 asking both sides of the Gulf War to stop hostilities and return to behind their international borders, both Iran and Iraq had observed an unofficial ceasefire in the "tanker war" in the Gulf itself (Hazhir Teimourian writes).

This is the first time that unofficial cessation of maritime hostility is being abandoned. It is also the first time since the "tanker war" began in 1984 that a ship has been attacked in the Gulf of Oman.

There is every indication that it is the work of Iran. Iraq's especially-adapted long-range aircraft, the French-supplied Super Etendard,



## Saudis quit Riviera holidays

From A Correspondent Cannes

Saudi Arabians, including members of the royal family, have been ordered to leave their holiday homes at Cannes and return to Riyadh because of mounting tension in the Gulf and the threat of terrorist attack.

According to French police sources, King Fahd had ordered the return.

The Saudis took the Riviera by surprise. No official reason was given, but it is assumed the King wants his immediate family around him as Iranians whip up anti-Saudi feelings in the wake of the Mecca killings.

Fears for the Saudis' safety have also been mounting in France, embroiled in its own diplomatic war with Iran.

French police stepped up their vigil on Saudi holiday-makers last week, fearing Iranian terrorist attacks. The evacuation, under a shroud of secrecy, was monitored by three different arms of the security services.

More than 30 dignitaries and members of the royal family boarded a chartered Airbus at Nice airport on Monday.

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were under attack and which requested assistance.

Asked in a radio interview what would happen if an American vessel called for help, the minister said that consideration would be given to the facts as British commanders saw them.

"We have rules of engagement. We are always ready to consider assisting our allies - whether that assistance would be given or what it would be depends on the circumstances". He added: "We could of course get drawn into some kind of fighting if an attack was made on our ships, but we believe that won't happen."

The Government saw no option but to send the minesweepers when the Armilla Patrol commanders requested them. But they appreciate that their arrival will add to the tension and are anxious to lower the temperature as much as possible. The Government still has no intention of putting any of its minesweepers under the supervision of another navy.

Mr Mellor confirmed that Mrs Thatcher has contacted Mr Yasuhiro Nakasone, the Japanese Prime Minister, to encourage Tokyo to bring pressure to bear on Iran. He said: "Japan has lines into Tehran."

## Britain seeks more European action

By Robin Oakley, Political Editor

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## Telephone joy for escaped hostage and his wife



Mr Charles Glass, the escaped American hostage, free in Damascus yesterday and, right, his delighted wife Fiona talks to him on the telephone from their London home for the first time since he was kidnapped two months ago.

## Guards may have relaxed to order

By Andrew McEwen  
Diplomatic Correspondent

Mr Charles Glass, the American journalist kidnapped two months ago in Beirut was preparing to return to his London home yesterday after making a dramatic escape.

He told his British wife Fiona by telephone that he got away by locking his sleeping guards into the apartment where he was held, throwing away the keys, and slipping through a window and down an external staircase.

He arrived at a Beirut hotel at 3.30 am and was later driven to Damascus where Syria's Foreign Minister, Mr Farouk Shara handed him over to the American Embassy.

But amid celebrations over his freedom, suggestions arose that his escape may have suited the interests of both his kidnappers - widely believed to be Iranian - and Syria.

## Hess tried to strangle himself

From John England Bonn

Rudolf Hess, Hitler's former deputy who died in West Berlin on Monday aged 93, tried to commit suicide in the garden of Spandau jail before he was rushed to hospital, the British Military Government disclosed yesterday.

Hess went to a small summerhouse in the garden escorted by a guard who left him alone for a few minutes, a statement said. When the guard came back he found Hess with an electrical cord around his neck.

Attempts were made to resuscitate him and he was then taken to the British Military Hospital where he died at 4.10pm local time. "Whether the suicide attempt was the actual cause of death is the subject of a continuing investigation and a thorough autopsy," the brief statement added.

A British pathologist was believed to have flown to West Berlin yesterday to perform the autopsy.

It was understood that Hess's body would be flown in a British military aircraft to West Germany where it would be buried in the family plot.

## Doctor condemned as judge returns children

By Peter Davenport

Two young sisters and their brother, taken from their home in Cleveland 14 weeks ago because of suspicions that they had been sexually abused, were back with their parents last night after a judge severely criticized a doctor and social workers.

Judge Hall, sitting in the family division of the High Court in Middlesbrough, ordered that the children, aged five, six and seven, be allowed to go home immediately after he had ruled that there had been no evidence that they were at any risk.

He said that Dr Geoffrey Wyatt, one of the two consultant paediatricians at the Middlesbrough General Hospital at the centre of the sex abuse controversy and whose findings led to the children being taken into care, had only four days' experience of such cases before examining the children.

The judge said: "A positive diagnosis of child sex abuse is a very serious matter indeed, because the child concerned is almost inevitably removed from his home and family and Dr Wyatt agreed with me that taking a child from his family and home can have, and indeed is likely to have,

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Without throwing doubt on his resourcefulness, Beirut sources implied that the kidnappers relaxed their guard deliberately. An escape which convinced everyone - including Mr Glass - would involve less loss of face than overtly buckling to strong pressure from Damascus.

Mr Glass, aged 36, former correspondent of ABC Television in Beirut, was known to be irritated by these suggestions. Mrs Glass said that he was "a bit disgruntled" about the theory.

But the signs were too compelling to be ignored. It confirmed, they could have far wider implications, suggesting that Syria's determination to recover from its international disgrace following the Nezar Hindawi affair last year is beginning to bear fruit, and possibly lifting the veil on hidden American diplomacy.

Mr Glass was the first and only foreigner kidnapped in west Beirut since February, when an estimated 8,000 Syrian troops moved in to restore order. It was huge a blow to their prestige - not least because Mr Glass was a house guest of the family of Mr Adel Ossirin, the Lebanese Minister of National Defence, while researching a book on the Middle East.

He was with Mr Osseiran's son Ali when both men were

serious and harmful effects on the child.

"It is in these circumstances that I can only express surprise that Dr Wyatt, with what I can fairly describe as virtually no experience of this diagnostic procedure, was prepared to accept the heavy responsibility of making a positive diagnosis of sexual abuse without taking the precaution of obtaining a second opinion from someone of suitably lengthy experience."

The judge said that he found Dr Wyatt an "unimpressive witness," persistently refusing to address his mind to the questions being asked. Sometimes, he said, he had to be asked questions up to four times before giving an answer.

Judge Hall also said that he found "very disturbing" the way Dr Wyatt had summarily dismissed the opinions of Dr David Paul, a Harley Street specialist, on methods of diagnosing child sexual abuse.

The judge also criticized social workers who, although they had the power to submit the children for medical second opinion, had not done so.

They were "obviously imbued with the concept of the infallibility of Dr Wyatt," although they at least had the suspicion of his lack of experience in such cases.

There was, he said, a direct

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## Sri Lankan assassination attempt President in grenade blasts

From Vijitha Yapa, Colombo

Assassins tried to kill President Junius Jayawardene of Sri Lanka in Parliament yesterday. He was unhurt, but one district minister was killed and the Prime Minister and 15 others were injured in two grenade explosions.

Officials said a shot was fired at the President as he chaired a meeting of United National Party MPs. It missed him, but struck a clerk. Two grenades were then thrown into the room.

One bounced off Mr Jayawardene's desk and exploded near Mr Lalith Athulthumudi, the Minister of National Security. He was treated at Sri Jayawardene Hospital, a few miles from Parliament, and by late yesterday was out of danger.

Mr Jayawardene had blood splattered over his tunic, but was not hurt. Prime Minister Ranasinghe Premadasa had a knee injury.



Mr Jayawardene: Grenade bounced off his desk

Others injured included Mr Montagu Jayawickreme, the Minister of Plantation Industries; Mr Vincent Perera, the Minister of Parliamentary Affairs and Sports; Mr Gamini Jayasuriya, the Minister of Agriculture and Mr E.L.B. Hurulle, Cultural Affairs Minister.

Mr Keerthi Abeywickreme, the MP for Deniyaya and district minister of Matale was killed.

Witnesses said the grenades were thrown from a door leading to a store in the committee room in which the MPs were meeting. Police have arrested an office assistant working in the parliamentary complex.

Tight security measures have been in force at Parliament since 1983, and extra precautions were taken for yesterday's meeting, the first since the Indo-Sri Lanka accord was signed on July 29 this year.

Speaking to the nation on radio after the attack yesterday, Mr Jayawardene said his blood-spattered tunic would serve as a reminder that some elements wanted to destroy the independence, sovereignty, unity and democracy of Sri Lanka.

## THE TIMES Degree course vacancies

The Times Degree Course Vacancies Service begins today on page 12 with a complete list of remaining university and polytechnic vacancies in medicine and allied subjects, dentistry and biological sciences.

## Portfolio Gold

● The £25,000 prize in yesterday's Times Portfolio Gold competition, double the usual amount as there was no winner on Monday, was won by Mr Niall Benson, of Hexham, Northumberland.

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## Auction hammer falls on hoard of a bygone age

By Craig Seton

A boy's passion for hoarding second-hand articles that nobody else wanted led to an extraordinary collection of two million items which are now regarded as being a social chronicle of a bygone age.

The boy, now a shy man aged in his seventies, of Newark, Nottinghamshire, gathered his collection from shops, businesses, homes and farms in the Newark area for more than 50 years.

The collection, which is to be sold at auction because a permanent home cannot be found for it, is so vast that a seven-ton truck had to make 30 trips to carry it from storage in chickens sheds on a farm on the Lincolnshire border.

Friends said that the anonymous collector could identify each item and what it had been used for. Most dated from the nineteenth century.

A friend said yesterday: "They are not junk, but they are not really antiques. When they were collected most of them were without value and nobody wanted them."

"It was just his boyhood hobby that grew into a passion. He would clear out shops when they closed or people would bring him objects to find out what they were", the friends said.

Attempts by the collector to find a permanent museum home for his hoard failed. The collection now fills a Lincolnshire warehouse where it is expected to be sold for between £50,000 and 100,000 on September 15.

Buyers are expected from the United States for what is likely to be Britain's biggest sale of items from a bygone age. The collection is believed to include almost every device, invention and artefact that was in common in the Nottinghamshire area between 1800 and 1950.

It includes the entire contents of a blacksmith's smithy, bone-shaker bicycles, medical instruments, photographs, old documents, toys, shop signs, radios, spectacles, tools, machinery, whistles and even a wooden leg.

Mr Clinton Slingsby, a senior partner at Thomas Mawer and Son, the Lincoln auctioneers, said yesterday that most of the items were from the nineteenth century.

He said: "The owner is selling with great reluctance and is very upset that he is having to let everything go. But it is a huge collection. I have never seen anything like it before. I just could not take it in, but it is fascinating and absorbing."

"He was an ordinary working man who had a lifetime passion for collecting the unusual. It is not a valuable collection and he has not spent much money on it."

The owner, who asked not to be identified, said yesterday: "All my life I sought to try and get a bit of recognition, but now I have no comment to make."

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## NEWS SUMMARY

## Surviving babies causing concern

The health of the four surviving septuplets in Liverpool is causing serious concern among medical and nursing staff. The prospects for the remaining children have not improved since their birth last Saturday and doctors now believe each baby has a less than 50 per cent chance of survival.

The third death, early yesterday was of Liam, the oldest and, at 1lb 10oz, the heaviest of the seven.

Mrs Halton received a course of fertility drugs after seven years trying to conceive. The children, born three months prematurely, were Britain's first septuplets.

The survivors are three girls and a boy. All four are in the intensive care unit of Liverpool Maternity Hospital. One of the babies died 25 minutes after being born and a second early on Monday.

## Four die in plane

Four members of a British family were killed yesterday when their twin-engine aircraft crashed in fog into a mountain in central France.

Three other people, believed to be from the same family, were badly hurt in the accident on Mount Beuvray. They were taken to hospitals in Autun and Dijon.

The family, thought to be from the Preston area, were returning from Greece in a hired Piper PA31 aircraft which caught fire after the crash.

## Scarman backs calls

Lord Scarman, the former Law Lord, has backed calls for the Government to drop its legal proceedings for a permanent ban on publication of the *Spycatcher* allegations.

In an article in *The Times* today he says he agrees with Lord Bridge, the Law Lord who castigated the Government over the *Spycatcher* ban, that it would "be a pity" if the Government were to rest content with the "insecure laurels of its 'water-tight' victory in this litigation".

Lord Scarman adds that it will not do the nation's reputation any good to have the whole pitiable affair resurrected in the European Court of Human Rights.

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## Footballer evicted

A former England soccer international, Kevin Beattie, has been evicted from his home by bailiffs hired by a building society.

Ipswich Borough Council also instructed bailiffs to enter the house at Greenfinch Avenue, Ipswich, again to recover money or goods worth £250 which the former Ipswich Town player, aged 33, owes in rates.

Mr Beattie has lived at the house for two years but is with his wife and three children in Norway, where he plays in the fourth division.

## Earl dies on moor

The Earl of Strathmore, a cousin of the Queen, collapsed and died on a Scottish grouse moor yesterday.

The Earl, aged 58, was shooting with friends on his Glamis Castle estate in Angus, Tayside, when he became ill suddenly and collapsed. He is believed to have suffered a heart attack and died before a helicopter sent to airlift him to hospital arrived.

The Earl, whose passions were shooting and fishing, had returned for the Glorious Twelfth from Spain, where he worked and spent most of his time.

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## Car strike men return to dividend

By Daniel Ward  
Motor Industry Correspondent

Workers at Jaguar with shares in the company received a £23 dividend yesterday just 24 hours after a strike that cost £4 million in lost production.

Sixty fork lift truck drivers walked out in support of a disciplined colleague and production was halted.

Thousands of Jaguar workers each have company shares now worth £3,700. Three quarters of the workforce have kept the 272 shares they were given when the company was privatized in 1984 as well as 351 later free shares. The 12,300 employees have seen the share price jump from 165p to a peak earlier this year of 632p.

Sir John Egan, Jaguar's chairman, was philosophical about the one-day strike.

He said yesterday: "We have got to be realistic as this is the first strike we have had in this year and in the troubled Seventies we had one a week."

"The business is buoyant. Demand for our cars, particularly the new XJ6, is extremely strong in all markets and looks set to exceed our ability to supply for the foreseeable future."

In spite of announcing a lower half year profit than forecast, he predicted that production will top 49,000 cars this year, compared with 41,437 in 1986. By the start of 1988 output will have reached 56,000 cars a year compared with 14,000 in 1980.

Since December, Jaguar has recruited more than 1,000 workers but after employing a further 100 design engineers, employment is to be held at 12,700 with the emphasis on improving productivity to enable output to be increased.

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## Four set to challenge chess elite

In the open section of the BIS Television British Chess championship at the Park Lane Hotel, London, four players will join Britain's chess elite in the knockout tournament (Our Chess Correspondent writes).

Joe Gallagher, of Wimbledon, won the qualifier with 6½ points from 7 games. Viswanathan Anand (India), the reigning junior world champion, Igor Ivanov (Canadian champion) and Malcolm Pein, London, each scored 6 points.

Di Prima, who emigrated to Britain with his parents at the age of two, aspired to prove himself an able lieutenant and even potential successor when Di Carlo was in custody awaiting trial last year. His rise in the British Mafia certainly coincided with his determination to keep business as normal despite the capture of Di Carlo.

Di Prima visited his mentor in prison on several occasions as the plan to hire a baby as a decoy in the drugs run was hatched, and customs officers believe Di Carlo at least gave it his blessing.

Di Carlo, aged 44, the organizer of the Mafia's drug operations in Britain and among its top dozen leaders in Sicily, regarded the cannabism run as a minor enterprise. But Di Prima believed that it would be the first of many lucrative trips between Britain and Spain, and had the backing of Mafiosi in Barcelona, where the Lancia's petrol tank had been adapted to carry up to 50 kilos of the drug.

Di Prima, who had been arrested with Di Carlo in 1985 but released through lack of evidence, first met his mentor seven years ago in Woking, where both were members of its 1,500-strong community of mainly Sicilian Italians.

Di Carlo engaged Di Prima to decorate his fortress-style home in Woking and took a liking to him, seeing in him the son he did not have, and the younger man was soon appointed to manage a wine bar owned by Di Carlo in south London. Eventually he took

the production and use of CFCs, a specialist team from the Department of the Environment will support a three-stage set of measures.

If accepted, it would be the first global pollution control agreement.

The scheme backed by Britain is for current levels of production to be frozen immediately for one or two years. That would be followed by a cut of 20 per cent or more in the subsequent four to six years. Measures for the third stage of long-term phasing out of CFCs are still vague.

Participating countries are already split over the restrictions. The Scandinavian countries which will be affected early by the loss of the ozone screen are seeking a rapid reduction of CFCs of about 80 per cent in five years. Japan and the Soviet Union are less convinced of the need for immediate action.

European Community countries manufacture 50 per cent of the world production of CFCs, with the largest am-

## Report branded Hess as a health crank

A secret report by doctors branded Adolf Hitler's deputy, Rudolf Hess, a "health crank" just days after he parachuted into Britain on his one-man peace mission in 1941.

Although doctors at the military hospital, Drymen, Glasgow, did not consider him "mentally unsound of mind", they said he was prone to confusion because of the pressure he had been under.

According to the secret documents now in the possession of *The Times* - hoarded by the widow of one of the Scottish doctors who examined Hess - the prisoner, first known as Hauptmann Alfred Horn, parachuted into Britain on May 10, 1941, in good physical shape.

Diaries recording the inner thoughts of Rudolf Hess during the lonely decades he spent in Spandau Prison under lock and key in the offices of a London publisher.

Hess painstakingly wrote his views over 500 pages of diaries and later typed them on to an ancient machine during the years he spent alone in his cell.

He passed them to Herr Wolf-Rudiger Hess, his son, and they are now with John Farquharson, the London publisher.

He brought with him a large number of different medicines of a homeopathic nature, including a phial of brown fluid which he said he got six months previously from the Swedish explorer Sven Hedin. He claimed it came from a Tibetan monastery and was a cure for gallbladder trouble.

Hess appeared most upset when the drugs were taken

Miss Vanessa Holt, an editor with the company, said yesterday: "I am still sorting out the material, which is extremely bulky. The diaries were written in German but have been partially translated."

Their publication will be delayed by a copyright dispute. As soon as it became aware of the diaries' existence, the German state claimed copyright. That claim is disputed by Hess's son and until the matter is resolved nothing can appear.

away from him. A report from the hospital's commanding officer said that he had become "very indignant".

"He said that he was undergoing a six-weeks' cure and if he were deprived of these drugs in the middle of it his health would suffer. He stated that before leaving (Germany) he filled his pockets with those drugs which appears to show

would do something to himself?"

The report noted that Hess enjoyed his food "but has refused any alcoholic beverage and does not smoke. Judging from his conversation he appears to be a health crank."

Apparently he quoted many doctors, chiefly homeopaths whom he had consulted, who said he had a history of recurring attacks of pain in the region of the gallbladder.

Scottish Command took no chances with their prize prisoner. A secret guard order dated May 15 emphasized that his guard must have no outside contacts and that on no account should information be given to any outside source, including newspaper reporters or the BBC.

## Surgeon revives imposter charge

By David Saped

A surgeon who attended Rudolf Hess at Spandau Prison, West Berlin, claimed again yesterday that the man who parachuted into Britain in 1941 was not Hitler's deputy, but an imposter.

Mr Hugh Thomas called for an international medical panel to be created to investigate the identity of the man known as Prisoner No 7, who he estimated once a month between 1973 and 1975 at the Military Hospital in Berlin.

Mr Thomas, a consultant general surgeon at Prince Charles Hospital, Metherdy, said that Heinrich Himmler, the Gestapo chief, had arranged for Hess to be shot down as part of an internal power struggle.

"The man who landed in Britain was a double agent by Himmler's design. He wanted to negotiate a peace with Himmler, not Hitler, in power," he said.

Mr Thomas said Hess was clearly distressed that he suffered extensive injuries and shrapnel wounds in the arm during the First World War. "Yet the X-rays show no injuries and the prisoner I met had no such injuries."

Mr Thomas, who outlined his theory eight years ago in a book, *The Murder of Rudolf Hess*, said: "The medical records of Rudolf Hess simply do not match the man I was treating. Now I believe that a full independent examination should be made of the body before the evidence is destroyed for ever."

He called for the cremation to be postponed while a full investigation was carried out, even if the results might prove embarrassing to the British Government.

Mrs Christine Lynch, the former WHA, who plotted the flight of the aircraft which carried the man alleged to be Hess to Scotland, said yesterday that her initial reaction to his death was "poor old man". She said: "I think it is sad that they held him for so long. In fact, I think it was wrong."

## Clyde yard told to bid again

By Tim Jones

Workers and management at the Scott Lithgow shipyard on the Clyde, whose future is in doubt after the failure to tender for three naval vessels within a £10 million limit, were told yesterday that they could still win the orders if they "got themselves organized and put in a better bid".

Mr George Younger, Secretary of State for Defence, said that it would still have the opportunity of winning the order, which will be re-tendered next week.

The yard had bid without competition for the contract, to build a range of mooring vessels and two powered mooring lighters but its first bid of £15 million was rejected, as were two revised bids of £13.8 million and £12.5 million.

Because of the failure to secure the order, the yard could run out of work by the end of the year.

Mr Younger said that the Government had "leaned over backwards" to place the order with the yard. "While every one must be disappointed that they have not so far succeeded, at least all concerned will know the Government did everything it possible could to give the order to the company."

## Irish protest at 'man's army' drive

An Irish Army recruitment drive which excludes women applicants brought protests yesterday from Irish MPs and sex equality organizations.

The army says that new officer cadets must be male because they will be given combat duties. Women recruited in the past have been employed in non-combatant roles.

Ms Sylvia Meehan, of the republic's Employment Equality Agency, said yesterday: "These are job opportunities very much desired by young women."

She said the women who wanted to apply for the posts were unable to take legal action because the defence forces were excluded from equality legislation.

The army said that budget cuts, which had brought a ban on general recruitment and left the forces at 4,000 below strength, had led to the insistence on male-only recruits.

Women were first admitted to the Irish army in 1980 and held 64 positions among a force of 11,630.

## Mafia man convicted of decoy-baby drugs plot

A man believed to be a leading member of the Mafia's drug operation in Britain was convicted yesterday of planning a £110,000 smuggling operation which used a baby as a decoy.

Salvatore Di Prima, aged 30, of Russell Road, Woking, Surrey, was found guilty by a jury at Exeter Crown Court.

He and four other defendants in the case will be sentenced today. A fifth defendant, Mr Richard Taylor, aged 38, of Berridge Road, Norwood, south London, was acquitted.

The case resulted from the discovery of 43 kg of cannabis hidden in the petrol tank of a Lancia car which had been driven off the Santander ferry at Plymouth. Robert Patrick, its driver, and Sharon Walters, his girlfriend, had borrowed a baby to make them look like an innocent couple arriving home from a motoring holiday in Spain.

Di Prima was arrested near Plymouth after he left in convoy with the car.

Walters, aged 22, and Patrick, aged 29, both of Romany Road, West Norwood, south London, admitted smuggling, as did Gerard Allen, aged 24, of Farnley Road, Thornton Heath, Surrey, and Clifford Jones, aged 20, of Glanville Road, Brixton, south London.

Allen, who turned Queen's evidence, had told the court that the run was organized by Di Prima and his Italian associates in Spain.

He had been with Di Prima when he handed over £36,000 for the cannabis, which had a street value of £110,000, and had travelled across Spain to fetch the Lancia and meet Patrick and Walters.

After the case Customs men explained how they foiled the operation, which they link with Francesco Di Carlo, Britain's chief Mafia "godfather", now serving a 25-year sentence.

Di Prima had visited Di Carlo in Brixton prison, where he was awaiting trial on heroin-smuggling charges, and had taken over some of his activities. He is believed to have got money for the baby-borrowing operation from a safe buried in the garden of Di Carlo's home.

The drugs were bought in Spain from a man who had close links with Di Carlo, and Di Prima used one of Di Carlo's two BMW cars when he travelled to Plymouth.

Customs investigators recognized the car when it arrived to meet the Lancia off the ferry and immediately made the link with Di Carlo. The car had gone to Plymouth to wait for the Lancia, which was similar to another car used on a drugs run to Dover some months before.

The Santander ferry takes more than a day to make its voyage and in that time the Customs men had checked the registrations of all the cars on it and marked the Lancia as suspicious.

## Customs men talk of 'Godfather' link

By Michael Horsnell

Customs officers who broke the Mafia's borrow-a-baby drugs smuggling ring in the West Country discovered a more sinister figure behind it than Salvatore Di Prima, the Sicilian organizer of the operation who was jailed yesterday.

Di Prima, aged 30, married with two small children, is the "adopted son" of Francesco Di Carlo, the so-called "Woking Godfather" who was jailed for 25 years in March for masterminding a £75 million heroin-smuggling racket.

Di Prima, who emigrated to Britain with his parents at the age of two, aspired to prove himself an able lieutenant and even potential successor when Di Carlo was in custody awaiting trial last year. His rise in the British Mafia certainly coincided with his determination to keep business as normal despite the capture of Di Carlo.

Di Prima visited his mentor in prison on several occasions as the plan to hire a baby as a decoy in the drugs run was

hatched, and customs officers believe Di Carlo at least gave it his blessing.

Di Carlo, aged 44, the organizer of the Mafia's drug operations in Britain and among its top dozen leaders in Sicily, regarded the cannabism run as a minor enterprise. But Di Prima believed that it would be the first of many lucrative trips between Britain and Spain, and had the backing of Mafiosi in Barcelona, where the Lancia's petrol tank had been adapted to carry up to 50 kilos of the drug.

Di Prima, who had been arrested with Di Carlo in 1985 but released through lack of evidence, first met his mentor seven years ago in Woking, where both were members of its 1,500-strong community of mainly Sicilian Italians.

Di Carlo engaged Di Prima to decorate his fortress-style home in Woking and took a liking to him, seeing in him the son he did not have, and the younger man was soon appointed to manage a wine bar owned by Di Carlo in south London. Eventually he took

over responsibility for a hotel in King's Cross and a travel agency in Woking while his leader was in custody on remand.

Two things helped customs men to catch the drug smugglers. Gerard Allen, one of the gang, was arrested when he arrived at Plymouth on an outstanding warrant for a minor motoring offence, and was quickly linked to the operation.

Secondly, customs officers were already looking out for suspicious Lancias, after discovering one with a petrol tank converted to take drugs during a "cold find", a routine check, earlier last year.

The sophistication of the conversion led officers to suspect the existence of a "factory" specializing in conversions. It was later discovered in Barcelona and closed down by Spanish police.

The hidden drugs could be accessed by a false floor in the boot, the catches of which were released by depressing the rear windscreen demist button. This activated another switch

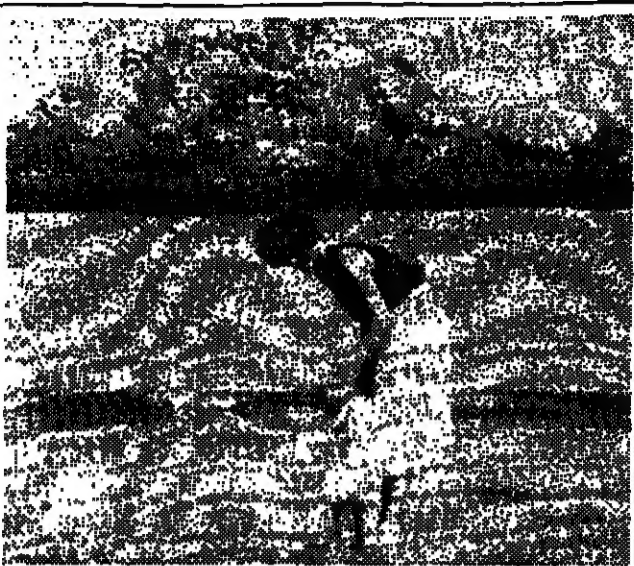
concealed in the interior roof lining which raised the false floor.

The petrol tank in which the cannabis was concealed allowed room for scarcely a gallon of petrol and necessitated stops for refuelling every 25 miles, though a reserve supply was contained in a jerry can in the boot.

A customs officer told *The Times*: "The cold find at Dover was such a clever device we were confident another one would turn up in a Lancia. We knew it could not be a one-off and that another could turn up anywhere, not necessarily in this country."

"The operation was financed by Mafia money. There is no clear evidence but we think Francesco Di Carlo master-minded it. We can't think of a situation where the Mafia boss would let things go on without his knowledge."

"This crime has all the hallmarks of Mafia organisation behind it and Di Prima wasn't big enough to do it alone."



A holiday snapshot taken by the drug smugglers of Sharon Walters playing with the borrowed baby on the beach at Santander before bringing the cannabis to England. Walters alone, the leader of the gang, Salvatore Di Prima; and customs officers removing the false base to the Lancia's petrol tank in which the drugs were hidden.

## Ozone layer threatened

## Scientists call for culprit aerosols to be phased out faster

By Pearce Wright  
Science Editor

A second hole has been found in the ozone layer of the upper atmosphere and the discovery is being used by scientists to press for faster introduction of a plan to reduce the use of chemicals, largely held responsible for the deterioration.

Details have yet to be published of the hole detected over Spitzbergen but Whitehall sources say the UK Stratospheric Ozone Review Group are treating the findings seriously.

The Government is still opposed to an immediate phasing out of chlorofluorocarbons, known as CFCs, which are used as the propellant gas in aerosols, for refrigeration, dry-cleaning solvents, in plastic foam used for making hamburger cartons and furniture padding and building insulation.

But at a meeting next month called by the United Nations Environment Programme for a global agreement to restrict

the production and use of CFCs, a specialist team from the Department of the Environment will support a three-stage set of measures.

If accepted, it would be the first global pollution control agreement.

The scheme backed by Britain is for current levels of production to be frozen immediately for one or two years. That would be followed by a cut of 20 per cent or more in the subsequent four to six years. Measures for the third stage of long-term phasing out of CFCs are still vague.

Participating countries are already split over the restrictions. The Scandinavian countries which will be affected early by the loss of the ozone screen are seeking a rapid reduction of CFCs of about 80 per cent in five years. Japan and the Soviet Union are less convinced of the need for immediate action.

European Community countries manufacture 50 per cent of the world production of CFCs, with the largest am-

ounts coming from Britain from ICT's works at Runcorn, Lancashire, and ISC chemicals at Avonmouth.

At stake is the fate of the ultra-violet protective screen in the layer of the atmosphere 12 to 40 kilometres above the Earth that consists of nearly all the ozone in the total atmosphere.

The ozone shields the Earth from 99 per cent of the sun's radiation and a sharp reduction in its density over populated areas would provoke a severe increase in skin cancer, as well as interfering with the biological cycles of plants and animals.

The alarm bells sounded after studies published two years ago by scientists from the British Antarctic Survey showed losses of up to 50 per cent in the ozone layer over the Antarctic during the late Southern Hemisphere winter.

That is serious because it is not predicted by atmospheric theories. The hole stretches from the Antarctic as far as 50 degrees latitude south, just

touching the bottom of Chile and Argentina and close to the most southerly point of New Zealand.

Apart from a slight loss over the North Pole, ozone holes have not been observed elsewhere. But an ozone reduction of just 1 per cent could lead to an increase of 5 per cent in the skin cancers caused by ultra-violet radiation and other environmental effects.

A study by the United States Environmental Protection Agency says that means an additional 20,000 cancers in the US alone.

Countries in northern latitudes seem more concerned than others because the observations of the ozone holes suggest that the chemistry in those areas leads to a more rapid breakdown by CFCs than in other regions.

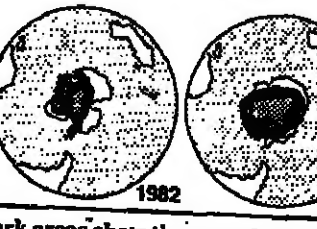
However, the cause of the ozone loss is the subject of heated debate with some scientists arguing that it is largely the result of natural atmospheric conditions over the Antarctic.

So an international team of more than 50 scientists from the United States, Britain and Chile today begin a six-week study of the atmosphere over the Antarctic where the reduction is most alarming.

They will launch a probe from southern Chile to determine whether man's heavy use of industrial chemicals is eroding the Earth's natural defences against harmful radiation from the sun.

Backed by special research planes, the team will attempt to discover to what degree the "ozone-hole" has been provoked by man-made chemicals and how much by natural causes.

Antarctic ozone hole



Dark areas show the spread of the Antarctic ozone hole, with the central, shaded area deepening annually.

30,000 be in Aids

By Tim Jones

There could be 10,000 more people already infected with the AIDS virus, the British Medical Association said yesterday.

The predicted increase in AIDS sufferers did not mean that public education measures should be abandoned to try to control the disease, it said.

The long time lag between infection and the onset of the disease means that thousands of people are already in the "incubation" phase of the disease, said a spokesman for the BMA.

The meeting was called to discuss a new public information campaign produced by the BMA and the BBC.

The booklet is a successor to the booklet issued during the first local radio AIDS campaign last spring. More than 200,000 booklets were issued, including versions in four main languages.

The BBC's next initiative will be a series of broadcasts on radio One in October, aimed at young people at high risk of AIDS infection through contaminated needles.

## Police man to count

By Ruth

Women could protect themselves against rape and sexual assault by taking a few simple steps outlined in a new police booklet, Mr Peter Lambert, Commissioner of the Metropolitan Police, said yesterday.

The video, *Female Steps*, encourages women to use legal methods such as carrying a spray to protect themselves.

"Taking a few simple steps women can reduce the risk of being attacked," Mr Lambert said at the launch of the booklet at the London Academy of Film and Television in Piccadilly central London.

A number of offences of sexual assault have been recorded in the last few years, Mr Lambert said, but he and his colleagues had taken steps to reduce them.

The booklet, sponsored by Northwich Union Insurance, was made using a Metropolitan police officer for the leading rape investigation roles.

As well as featuring a girl who is raped in her home, it shows an elderly woman being raped by a bogus council worker and a girl having her head scratched. The rape scenes are shown describing her reaction to a senior police officer.

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# 50,000 Britons may be infected with Aids say doctors

By Thomson Prentice, Science Correspondent

Britain could have 10,000 Aids sufferers three years from now and there are probably about 50,000 people already infected, the British Medical Association said yesterday.

However, the predicted increase in Aids sufferers did not mean that public education campaigns had failed or that draconian measures should be introduced to try to control the epidemic, it said.

"The long time lag between infection and the onset of disease means that thousands of cases are already in the pipeline and there is nothing we can do to stop them", Dr John Dawson, head of the BMA's professional and scientific division, said at a news conference in London.

The meeting was called to launch a new public information booklet, *Aids - The Positive Approach*, produced by the BMA and the BBC.

The booklet is a successor to a leaflet issued during the BBC's local radio Aids campaign last spring. More than 225,000 leaflets were issued free, including versions in four Asian languages.

The BBC's next initiative will be a week of broadcasts on Radio One in October, aimed specifically at drug abusers, who are at high risk of Aids infection through contaminated needles.

General audience programmes on Aids are unlikely to be repeated for some time because of fears that they will alienate large numbers of viewers and listeners, particularly elderly people, who feel they are not at risk.

The new booklet says: "If present trends continue unchecked there will be more than 10,000 cases in Britain by 1990. The worldwide forecast is 4.7 million cases within 10 years."

The British estimate is based on the calculation that the number of cases doubles every 10 months or so. By the end of last month, 935 cases had been reported.

The booklet attempts to demolish myths about Aids, including the misconception that it can be spread by coughs, sneezes, kissing, mosquitoes and other insects.

It emphasizes there is no risk from giving blood and says there is less than one chance in a million of infected blood being donated for transfusion.

*Aids - The Positive Approach*, (Professional Division Reports, PO Box 295, London WC1H 9TE, £1).

The first tests in the United States of a potential Aids vaccine on human volunteers will be carried out in October.

The tests will check for side effects and to see whether the vaccine, developed from a non-infective protein of the Aids virus, succeeds in raising an immune response.

The preliminary trials, involving uninfected volunteers, have been approved by the Food and Drug Administration and will be conducted at the National Institutes of Health's Institute for Allergy and Infectious Diseases, in Bethesda, Maryland.

American and French Aids researchers have reached a settlement in their lengthy dispute over patent rights to screening test equipment.

President Reagan and M Jacques Chirac, the French Prime Minister, were expected to announce an end to the dispute yesterday and to pledge closer co-operation between the scientists.

The agreement is understood to end the lawsuit lodged by the Pasteur Institute in Paris concerning a patent on a test developed by American scientists led by Dr Robert Gallo at the National Cancer Institute.

A programme about Aids is to be broadcast in sign language by the BBC in September. It has been made for the deaf by an independent television company.

## Mountain rescuers visited by Prince

By Kerry Gill

The Prince of Wales, who has mastered just about every outdoor pursuit, took the three-wire strand Steall Bridge (right) at the foot of Ben Nevis in his stride yesterday.

The Prince, visiting the 30-strong Lochaber Mountain Rescue Team on the upper reaches of the river Nevis, tripped across the precarious 20-yard bridge in just 60 seconds.

He made the three-mile round trip up the Nevis valley on foot, dressed in the tartan of the Lord of the Isles and was presented with an ice pick made in Glenoe and inscribed "Charlie".

Mr Jim Mayhew, aged 55, a schools inspector from Buckinghamshire, who was spending a couple of weeks "away from it all" with his son in the rescue team's cottage, was slightly bemused by his surprise royal visitor. His son disappeared to the peace of the glens.

Lochaber Mountain Rescue Team is made up of volunteers, from teachers and builders to a carpet fitter. Their area is huge, covering Glenoe, Ben Nevis, as far east as Dalwhinnie and west to the islands of Rhum and Mull.

They have made 36 rescues so far this year and four people have died on Ben Nevis. (Photograph: Tom Kidd)



## Protest at 'bias' in history syllabus

By Sarah Thompson Education Reporter

An education pressure group yesterday claimed that government moves to keep politics out of the classroom are failing.

The Campaign for Real Education says that a history syllabus is "open for bias and political indoctrination" even though it has been approved by the Secondary Examinations Council as conforming with the Government's national criteria.

Mr Nick Seaton, chairman of the campaign, has strongly criticized history syllabuses published by the Northern Examinations Association for the General Certificate of Secondary Education.

"One section on Communist China is given value-laden headings such as 'The triumph of Communism' while the only section on the US concentrates on the Depression era and what it calls 'the darker side of America'."

Mr Seaton said another section of the syllabus, "Britain 1905-51", is structured so that British history is identified almost entirely with the rise of the Labour Party.

Mr Stewart Deuchar, a member of the campaign, believes that the syllabuses in most schools are the product of "an intolerant bigoted orthodoxy of left-leaning teachers and educationalists".

He said: "The problem with all the history syllabuses is that they are issue-based. This alone leaves much scope for telling only half the story."

The Northern Examinations Association yesterday said: "If the Campaign for Real Education is seriously making these allegations they should bring them directly to us and we will look again at the syllabuses".

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## Police make video to counter rape

By Ruth Gledhill

Women could protect themselves against rape and sexual assault by taking a few simple steps outlined in a new police video, Mr Peter Imbert, Commissioner of the Metropolitan Police, said yesterday.

The video, *Positive Steps*, demonstrates that women do not have to use illegal methods, such as carrying a weapon, to protect themselves.

"By taking a few simple steps, women can reduce the risks of being attacked", Mr Imbert said at the launch of the video and accompanying booklet at the British Academy of Film and Television Arts in Finsbury, central London.

"A number of offences of rape could perhaps have been avoided if we had been quicker in issuing a film like this and people had taken notice."

The 18-minute film, sponsored by Norwich Union Insurance, was made using two Metropolitan police officers for the leading rape investigation roles.

As well as featuring a girl who is raped in her home, it shows an elderly woman being conned by a bogus council worker and a girl having her handbag snatched. The rape victim is shown describing her ordeal to a senior police officer.

It is an attempt to promote better safety measures without adding to the fear felt by women living alone and without attaching blame to women

who become rape or assault victims.

Det Chief Inspector Iain Blair, the officer who questions the girl, said after seeing the film for the first time: "I have lost count of the number of rape victims I have interviewed. In nearly all of them, there is still the overriding fear that they were somehow to blame. That is what we are trying to overcome."

Mr Blair, aged 34, has been a key figure in altering police responses to rape cases. His research led to a working party on rape which was set up by the Metropolitan Police in 1983. Its main recommendations emphasized the need to treat victims with more care and sympathy.

"The film puts over some important points, a lot of rapes occur in very ordinary situations and can be avoided by taking very ordinary precautions", he said.

Among the preventive measures suggested by the film and booklet are sitting downstairs on buses, sitting near the guard on Underground trains, keeping to well-lit busy roads, fitting a doorchain and sticking to a daily safety routine.

It is due to be promoted throughout British industry by Norwich Union and will go to police liaison and community officers in the Metropolitan and possibly other police areas.

*Positive Steps* (Cynet Limited, Sibton Centre Studios, Coronation Road, High Wycombe, Buckinghamshire, £20).

## ITV takes top names in comedy

Rik Mayall and Paul Nicholas, who made their names in BBC comedy shows, are joining ITV's £20 million line-up of autumn programmes.

Both get their own series in the new season. Mr Mayall, of the BBC's comedy *The Young Ones*, will play an MP in a seven-part comedy described as "being to democracy what the Beastie Boys are to chamber music". Mr Nicholas, from *Just Good Friends*, will appear in *East*, a six-part drama about a bankrupt young wheeler-dealer who refuses to give up.

The season also includes Barrie Humphries, as the Australian housewife Dame Edna Everage, in the character's first television series. Mr Humphries will be the host of six programmes with "a multitude of international celebrities" including Cliff Richard, Sean Connery and Mary Whitehouse.

Penelope Keith and Peter Bowles team up for a second series of *Executive Stress*, while other favourites returning for the autumn include *Spitting Image*, *The Cuckoo Waltz*, *Beattie's About*, *Clive James on Television*, *Blind Date* with Chila Black, *Home to Roost* with John Thaw and *Live from the Palladium* with Jimmy Tarbuck.

Drama in the new season will include James Bolam and Barbara Flynn in a three-hour sequel to Alan Plater's acclaimed series *The Belderbecker Affair*.

Nigel Havers heads a cast which also includes Bernard Hepton, Rosemary Leach and Fiona Fullerton in *The Chancer*, a drama about the career of a womaniser, swindler and murderer. Norman Rodway and Barbara Murray will appear as the heads of a glittering showbusiness family in *The Bretts*, a period drama set in the 1920s. The cast includes Frank Middlemass, who played Dan Archer in the BBC radio serial.

Mini-series include Joan Collins in *Sins*, in which she plays the chief executive of an international publishing empire. They were followed by Mr Thomas Turner, aged 36, unemployed, of no fixed address; Mr Alec Sansom, aged 29, a bricklayer, of Waltham Cross, Hertfordshire; Mr Thomas Williams, aged 40, a mariner, of Malaga, Spain; and M Yvan Denis, aged 30, unemployed, a Belgian of no fixed address.

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## Taylor 'ruined' over Stalker

By Ian Smith

Mr Kevin Taylor, the businessman whose friendship with Mr John Stalker, deputy chief constable of Greater Manchester, ended with the police officer's resignation, yesterday said the controversy had ruined his business.

The former millionaire property dealer said he was virtually penniless because of police determination to establish a criminal case against him and justify their investigation into his personal and professional relationship with Mr Stalker.

The police officer was suspended and subjected to a three-month inquiry after claims that he brought the force into disrepute and associated with known criminals.

Mr Taylor, aged 55, was speaking outside Bury Magistrates' Court after failing to prevent bailiffs seizing property from his home to meet an unpaid £3,135 rates demand. He estimated the investiga-

tion into his affairs had cost him more than £2 million in lost business.

He accused Mr James Anderton, chief constable of Greater Manchester, of mounting a wholly unjustified vendetta which over the past three years, he claimed, had involved detectives probing every facet of his business and private life in an attempt to link him to a criminal conspiracy.

The Director of Public Prosecutions, he said, was being urged to recommend charges be brought against him although they would be based on non-existent evidence.

"I have been the innocent victim not of an inquiry but of an 'inquisition'", he said. "They have tapped my telephone, intercepted my mail and destroyed my banking credibility. They have examined in minute detail every business deal with which I have been involved for the past 25 years."

Mr Taylor alleged recent business deals had foundered because police told potential

partners that he was suspected of involvement in serious crimes.

At the magistrates court hearing Mr Taylor, previously recognized for his flamboyant lifestyle and lavish entertaining, was one of 561 Bury residents facing legal action for non-payment of rates.

Mr Taylor asked that the application by Bury Metropolitan Council for a distress warrant be refused as he faced financial ruin.

He produced a letter from the council stating his appeal to have his rates urgently reviewed would be considered in the next two weeks.

After leaving the court to return to his £400,000 home, a converted mill in Wood Road, Summerseat, Bury, Mr Taylor said: "I would welcome the opportunity of being charged and vindicating myself before a jury."

Greater Manchester Police later declined to comment. The Director of Public Prosecutions said no decision had been made whether Mr Taylor would face any charges.

## Sonar beam takes the bumps out of parking

Bent bumpers and smashed lights caused by careless parking could be eliminated by a sonar "vision assist" system developed in the United States (Our Motoring Industry Correspondent writes).

As a car reverses, an ultrasonic beam provides a visual and audible warning on the

facia to help the driver to judge distance to a lamp post or adjacent car.

The system, to be unveiled by Ford at the Frankfurt motor show in early September, is more sophisticated than previous devices because it will both detect objects such as

"sleeping policeman" in the road ahead and alert a driver to a car or truck in a blind spot when changing lanes on the motorway.

Other features of the company's six-seater research vehicle include electronic instruments in a variety of

formats which the driver can choose between.

The boot of the vehicle, which cost \$4.5 million to build, carries a 4 ft wide liquid crystal display capable of bearing 12 different messages such as "send help" or "out of fuel" which the driver can select quickly.

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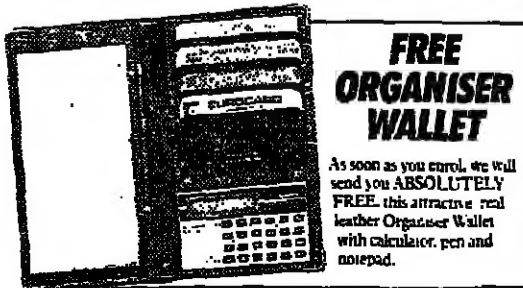
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## WORLD SUMMARY

## Four held on spy charges in Poland

Warsaw (Reuters) — Two Polish journalists and two Danes have been charged in separate cases with spying and could face the death penalty if convicted, the government spokesman Mr Jerzy Urban, said yesterday. He identified the journalists as Mariusz Dąbrowski, aged 46, and Tadeusz Podwysoki, aged 56, both of the official government daily *Rzeczpospolita*. The Danes are Jens Eidegaard, a businessman aged 36, and Niels Henningsen, a student aged 23.

Mr Urban claimed that the journalists had supplied foreign intelligence services with information on Polish-Soviet economic ties, underground movements and Church-state relations. The Danes are alleged to have photographed military installations on the Baltic Sea coast.

Danish diplomatic sources declined official comment, saying they had not been officially informed, but said that they expected a closed military trial "perhaps within a fortnight".

## Alert after bombings kills 14

Dhaka — Bangladesh police were put on alert in the capital yesterday after a pro-Libyan Islamic organization was blamed for bomb explosions in which at least seven people were killed. (Our Correspondent writes). Even members of the New Freedom Party, an ultra-religious group, were detained, the authorities said.

Three members of the party were killed and five others injured when a bomb exploded through a four-storey residential building in north Dhaka on Monday. Police believe the explosive went off while it was being made.

Three others died after bomb attacks on Sunday at Awami League rallies. An motorcycle rider carrying a bomb was also killed when he hit a wall.

## China to take refugees

Hong Kong (Reuters) — China has agreed to take back all Vietnamese refugees who left their temporary homes in Hong Kong, the *New Evening Post* said yesterday. The newspaper quoted senior officials in Canton as saying China had told Hong Kong officials this yesterday during a meeting in Canton. A dozen boats carrying nearly 500 Vietnamese arrived in Hong Kong this week, bringing the total to about 7,000 in the last seven weeks. The influx has strained Hong Kong's resources and ties with China. Hong Kong considers these "boat people" illegal immigrants.

## Waldheim Order for petition UK ships

Vienna — Several thousand Austrians, including a former minister, have signed a petition demanding to be placed on the US Justice Department's "watch list" with President Waldheim (Richard Bassett writes).

The signatories are all members of the 70,000-strong Styrian War Veterans' Society. Their petition says: "I served in the German Wehrmacht during the war like President Waldheim with no personal blame or guilt. Like the President, I should be placed on the watch list." The US Justice Department placed Dr Waldheim on its list earlier this year because of his wartime activities.

## Brazil's poetic farewell

Rio de Janeiro — Brazil's most celebrated poet of this century, Carlos Drummond de Andrade, was buried yesterday in a simple funeral ceremony without religious rites but with poetic eulogies by the country's leading authors, artists, and politicians (Mac Margolis writes). Senhor Drummond, aged 84, died of heart failure and respiratory complications. He published his first poem at the age of 15 and went on to become a leading voice of Brazilian modernism.

Tunis (Reuters) — Six young Tunisian Islamic militants have confessed on television to planting hotel bombs which injured 12 British and Italian tourists and a Tunisian.

The six, aged between 25 and 30, appeared last night and said they belonged to the Islamic Tendency Movement, a fundamentalist group.

Tunisian authorities have accused the group of being responsible for the explosions in four east-coast hotels at Monastir and Sousse on August 2, at the height of the tourist season.

Mehrez Boudegua, who confessed to making the bombs, said he was not connected with the Islamic Jihad, the shadowy group which had claimed responsibility for the attacks in communiqués issued in Paris. He said that the aim was to damage the Tunisian economy, which is heavily dependent on tourism.

Officials say most of those directly involved in the attacks have been arrested and added that police are still seeking the Islamic Tendency Movement leaders who ordered the bombings as well as 14 other suspects.

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## Trail of car crashes as Russians drive to the sun

From Mary Dejevsky Moscow

The Soviet Union has its own autoroutes to the sun and they are every bit as lethal as their West European counterparts.

Although the volume of traffic they carry is lighter — most Soviet citizens aspire to, but do not own a private car — the annual rush from northern climes to the traditional holiday resorts in the Crimea claims more casualties every year.

The state of the roads to the south and their annual cost in terms of human lives and shattered vehicles was brought to the notice of Russian newspaper readers yesterday by *Pravda*, which gave details of some

of the most horrific fatal crashes on the roads this summer.

One man exceeded the speed limit in his Moskvich, lost control of the steering and the car overturned. His wife was killed. A driver of a Zhiguli, a small, popular car, pulled out to overtake and hit an oncoming motorcyclist, who was killed.

Last year, the deputy head of the state traffic directorate, Mr V. Ishutin, told *Pravda* there were nearly 250,000 reported accidents, 39,000 people were killed and about 260,000 people injured.

The reporting of road accidents and casualty figures is another way in which the Soviet public is now being confronted with the less pleasant aspects of 20th century life.

Mr Ishutin said that in his view, 80 per cent of accidents were the fault of the driver. Twenty per cent were caused by drunken driving, despite severe restrictions on alcohol sales. Some accidents, however, were caused directly by the state of the road, its potholed surface, unpredictable camber and poor visibility.

The scarcity of elementary roadside facilities like cafés meant that people often continued driving when they should take a break, and fell asleep at the wheel.

The popularity of private motor-ing appears to have taken the Soviet authorities almost by surprise. This year, 20 per cent more people than last have forsaken the customary summer holiday package organized

by their workplace and taken the road south. For the past month, however, few of them have had sight of the sea. Road blocks have been set up at the city of Simferopol, the "gateway" to the Crimea, and no one without pre-booked accommodation is allowed further.

The authorities in the Crimea say the Black Sea resorts are full to overflowing. There is no spare accommodation, tents fill all the available space and sanitary facilities are at full stretch. They deny reports of infectious diseases, saying that an anti-epidemic commission has been established only as a precaution, though isolated outbreaks of cholera and hepatitis in the region are not unheard of in the summer months.

This year's rush to the south is

explained by a combination of factors. Partly there are more private cars on the road; many holiday-makers cancelled holidays in the south last year after Chernobyl and were determined to find the sun this year even if they could not obtain an official booking; and the weather in northern and western Russia this summer has been as unpredictable as a bad English summer.

There are also fewer roads open. Avalanches this spring closed a number of mountain roads in the south which have still not been reopened, so more traffic is concentrated on fewer routes.

The summer accident figures will not be released for some months, but the prognosis from Russian motor-ing correspondents is not good.

## Pilot's curse last word on crash jet recorder

From Charles Bremner, New York

The crew of Flight 255 from Detroit apparently had no warning of an engine malfunction before their McDonnell Douglas MD80 aircraft stalled and crashed into the ground, killing up to 162 people, investigators said yesterday.

As the first investigation results from America's second-worst air disaster were leaked to the press, authorities confirmed that the same Northwest Airlines aircraft had a history of engine failures.

Only one passenger survived the disaster — a girl, aged four, whose mother's embrace saved her life as the twin-engine jet ploughed into a motorway flyover.

The girl, Cecilia Cichan of Arizona, was identified by her grandfather on Monday night from a chipped front tooth and purple nail varnish. Her parents and brother, aged six, were killed.

Officials said up to 155 people may have been on board the plane, rather than 153 as first thought. The devastation of the crash fire also made it difficult to determine how many had died on the ground. The figure could be as high as eight.

According to a transcript of the cockpit voice recorder, the two pilots were unaware of flight problems until a computerized voice warning of an imminent stall. Until that moment, they were following normal take-off procedures and the plane had just left the ground. The only comment from a pilot before the plane clipped buildings and hit the flyover was a curse.

Investigators said their initial impression was that there had been no obvious breakdown in the Pratt and Whitney JT8D engines.

Attention has focused on the engines and the maintenance of the aircraft.

Northwest Airlines said it suffered vandalism to its planes on the ground and go-slow

tactics by mechanics and other ground staff over a pay dispute in recent months.

Northwest spokesmen denied that this could have contributed to the crash, but government records showed that the same MD80 airliner had suffered engine failures on take-off twice in 1986 and once in 1985.

Last January the plane had to return to Memphis after take-off because of low oil pressure. In January 1986 it flew for 18 minutes on only one engine after turbine blades sheared.

Experts said the engines were only one possible cause of the crash. Faults in the

Investigators looking into the crash of the Northwest Airlines jet have ruled out the possibility of an uncontained engine failure (Harvey Elliott writes). It has now been established that all the turbine blades were intact when the aircraft hit the ground. This has reinforced the investigators' interest in the computer controlled take-off procedures, as reported in *The Times* yesterday.

There are three separate automatic systems in the MD80 aircraft, all relying on automatic guidance or computers. If they are set wrongly, or fail to function properly, they could lead to the kind of manoeuvre that the aircraft carried out before plunging to the ground.

control systems, pilot error or overloading could also have played a part. Pratt and Whitney defended the record of the JT8D engine, which is in service in hundreds of aircraft around the world. A turbine failure in a Pratt and Whitney engine was responsible for the 1985 disaster at Manchester airport involving a British Airways jet.

The disaster has directed fresh criticism against the Federal Aviation Administration, the equivalent of the British Civil Aviation Authority. Critics say the FAA has failed to cope with the huge expansion in the airline business since the industry was deregulated in 1978.

A virtual free-for-all among airlines has generated a chain of mergers, a rise of 50 per cent in air travel and a state of near permanent chaos at the country's biggest airports.

Senator Frank Lautenberg, a prominent FAA critic, said yesterday that the agency was failing to ensure adequate maintenance of aircraft. "The maintenance programme is grossly deficient," he alleged.

In the most publicized dispute over maintenance, the pilots of Eastern Airlines protested publicly over what they said was frequent pressure from their employers to take off in sub-standard aircraft.



Charles Glass, left, the American journalist who walked to freedom in Beirut after being held hostage for two months, meeting Mr Farouk al-Shara, the Syrian Foreign Minister.

## The 27 hostages in Lebanon

The 27 foreigners still missing in Lebanon are:

**BRITISH**  
Alce Collett, aged 64, writer with the United Nations. Kidnapped at Khade south of Beirut, March 25, 1985. "Revolutionary Organization of Socialist Muslims" claimed his murder on April 23, 1986. John McCarthy, aged 30, cameraman for Worldwide Television, kidnapped west Beirut, April 17, 1986. No group claimed responsibility. Terry Waite, aged 48, special envoy of the Archbishop of Canterbury, missing in west Beirut, January 20, 1987.

**AMERICAN**  
William Buckley, aged 59, CIA station chief at US Embassy in Beirut. Kidnapped west Beirut, March 16, 1984. Islamic Jihad announced his "execution" on October 4, 1985.

Terry Anderson, aged 39, Associated Press bureau chief in Beirut. Kidnapped west Beirut, March 16, 1985. The Islamic Jihad claimed responsibility.

Thomas Sutherland, aged 55, acting Dean of Agriculture at the American University of Beirut. Kidnapped west Beirut, June 9, 1985. Islamic Jihad claimed responsibility. Frank Reed, aged 53, director of Lebanese International School, kidnapped west Beirut, September 9, 1986. "Arab Revolutionary Cells Omak Mukhtar Forces" claimed responsibility.

Joseph Cicciopoli, aged 66, acting comptroller American University of Beirut. Kidnapped west Beirut, September 12, 1986. "Arab Revolutionary Cells Omak Mukhtar Forces" claimed responsibility.

Edward Tracy, aged 56, story writer. Kidnapped west Beirut, October 21, 1986.

Robert Polhill, aged 53, lecturer in accounting at Beirut University College. Kidnapped west Beirut, January 24, 1987. Islamic Jihad for the Liberation of Palestine claimed responsibility. Alan Stess, aged 47, communications instructor at Beirut University College. Kidnapped west Beirut, January 34, 1987. Islamic Jihad for the Liberation of Palestine claimed responsibility. Jesse Turner, aged 39, visiting professor at Beirut University College. Kidnapped west Beirut, January 24, 1987. The Islamic Jihad for the Liberation of Palestine claimed responsibility.

**FRENCH**  
Marcel Fontaine, aged 46, vice consul at French Embassy in Beirut. Kidnapped west Beirut, March 22, 1985. Islamic Jihad claimed responsibility. Marcel Cartea, aged 63, French Embassy protocol officer. Kidnapped west Beirut, March 22, 1985. Islamic Jihad claimed responsibility. Jean-Paul Kaufmann, aged 42, journalist on *L'Evenement du Jeudi*. Kidnapped west Beirut, May 22, 1985. Islamic Jihad claimed responsibility. Michel Semat, aged 39, researcher at French Centre for Study and Research of Contemporary Middle East. Kidnapped west Beirut, May 22, 1985. Islamic Jihad said it had murdered him on March 5, 1986.

Jean-Louis Normand, aged 34, lighting engineer with French TV. Kidnapped west Beirut, March 8, 1986. "Revolutionary Justice Organization" claimed responsibility.

Roger Asque, aged 31, freelance photographer. Kidnapped west Beirut, January 13, 1987.

**GERMAN**  
Rudolf Cordes, aged 53, Beirut manager for Hoechst AG. Kidnapped west Beirut, January 13, 1987. Alfred Schmidt, aged 46, engineer for Siemens. Kidnapped west Beirut, January 20, 1987.

**INDIAN**  
Mithileshwar Singh, aged 60, visiting professor of finance at Beirut University College. Kidnapped west Beirut, January 24, 1987. Islamic Jihad for the Liberation of Palestine claimed responsibility.

**IRANIAN**  
Ahmad Motavasselian, no age available. Revolutionary Guard commander. Kidnapped Barbara, north of Beirut, July 1982 at Phalangist checkpoint. Mehren Masavi, no age available. *chargé d'affaires* at Iranian Embassy in Beirut. Kidnapped Barbara, July 1982.

Kazem Akhavan, journalist with Iranian news agency. Kidnapped Barbara, July 1982.

**IRISH**  
Brian Keenan, aged 35, teacher at American University. Kidnapped west Beirut, April 11, 1986.

**ITALIAN**  
Alberto Molinari, aged 67, insurance agent. Kidnapped west Beirut, September 11, 1985.

**SOUTH KOREAN**  
Do Chae Sang, aged 33, second secretary and consul. South Korean Embassy in Beirut. Kidnapped west Beirut, January 31, 1986. "Green Brigade" and "Revolutionary Cells" variously claimed responsibility.

Foreign hostages whose bodies have been found total five.

## Khomeini heir's ex-aide to die

By Hazhir Teimourian

Ayatollah Khomeini's accident-prone chosen successor, Ayatollah Montazeri, has received another blow to his authority with the conviction in Tehran of his former right-hand man on the most serious charge in the book of an Islamic judge: being "corrupt on Earth".

A special clerical court was sitting in Tehran yesterday to sentence Mehdi Hashemi, the man who until October was in charge of Ayatollah Montazeri's office in the holy city of Qom and had special responsibility for the funding of Shia militants in Lebanon.

The court had earlier heard confessions from Hashemi that he had been engaged in abductions, torturing, murder, possession of classified information and setting up a private militia.

It was expected in Tehran yesterday that Hashemi would be sentenced in the afternoon and executed at dawn today, barring an intervention from Ayatollah Khomeini. That would, however, be out of character, even though the accused is a clergyman. In the past, only clergymen who had co-operated with the former monarchical regime have been executed.

No death sentences are announced in Iran before execution has taken place.

Hashemi's criminal history dates back to 1973, when he was found guilty of personally strangling to death a pro-Shah cleric, Ayatollah Shamsoddin in the desert outside the city of Isfahan. He was sentenced to life imprisonment, but was subsequently freed during the 1979 revolution.

As he had been a long-time associate of Ayatollah Montazeri, coming from the same village, Najafabad, near Isfahan, he made rapid progress in the new regime and became one of the most powerful men in the country.

His problems started last October, when his men abducted a senior diplomat at the Syrian embassy and leaked to the Lebanese press the secret visit which Mr Robert McFarlane, President Reagan's former National Security Adviser, made to Tehran the previous spring.

It is generally believed that his main aim had been to weaken the political standing of the other important contender for power after Ayatollah Khomeini, Hojatoleslam Hashemi Rafsanjani, Speaker of the Iranian Parliament.

But the Speaker apparently had obtained Ayatollah Khomeini's prior approval for the contacts with the United States. Hashemi found himself in prison after a rare journey to Tehran by Ayatollah Montazeri to intercede on his behalf failed to gain his release.

His brother, Hadi, who is Montazeri's son-in-law, together with three members of the Majlis (Parliament), were also arrested. No announcement has been made regarding their fates.

## Electrocution becomes a routine way of death

From Charles Bremner Angola, Louisiana

The Coca-Cola machine looks out of place at the entrance to America's busiest execution chamber. Since June, seven men have died in the old oak electric chair at the prison here, as the state of Louisiana catches up on a backlog of cases.

The next condemned man will be led to the small, green-walled room a few minutes after midnight on Monday.

He will have a chance to say a few words through a microphone to witnesses on the other side of a soundproof glass panel. Then he will be restrained with leather straps in the chair, with electrodes attached to his head and body.

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It's becoming routine, Mr Butler says. That also goes for the American public, which largely believes murderers should be put to death and has lost interest in the procedure.

In the years after the Supreme Court reaffirmed the right of states to kill criminals, journalists flocked to the executions and protesters demonstrated. Now they rarely bother.

Since 1977 — the end of the four-year hiatus in sentencing — 85 men and one woman have been electrocuted, shot, gassed or injected in the United States, 18 of them this year. A total of 1,911 people are waiting for execution or for last-minute appeals.

At the Louisiana prison, 38 men are awaiting their fate in the death cells. While the other prisoners work in the cotton and corn fields, they stay in solitary confinement in an isolated block known officially as Death Row.

Some of them have been there for years. Nearby, little white crosses mark the graveyard where deceased prisoners — executed or otherwise — are buried if their relatives do not claim their bodies.

According to prison officers, the inmates pay little attention to executions taking place. "Most of them don't even know," one officer said.

US judges are passing death sentences at an increasing rate, now about 200 a month, according to the American Civil Liberties Union,

which is fighting to turn public opinion.

According to a recent Gallup Poll, 75 per cent of Americans favour capital punishment. The figure in 1966 was 42 per cent.

The reason behind the rush of executions in Louisiana and elsewhere was a Supreme Court ruling in April which rejected a broad challenge to the death penalty from Warren McCleskey, who was convicted of killing a policeman in Georgia. His lawyers and civil rights organizations produced statistics to show that people who murder whites are put to death at 11 times the rate of those who kill blacks.

In the executions since 1977, 75 of the 86 convicts had killed whites although half the country's murder victims are black. Of the 86, 33 were black and 41 per cent of those on Death Row are also black.

The court ruled by five to four that the Georgia law was not unconstitutional and the states began catching up on the backlog that had built up after they suspended executions during the Georgia challenge.

Opponents of the death penalty were incensed by the McCleskey ruling. Another statistic that they con-

firms their case is a telling geographic bias in executions carried out.

Though 36 states have brought in the death penalty, all but three executions have taken place in southern states, led by Texas, Florida, Louisiana and Georgia. The three northern executions were requested by the convicts.

"It's a relic of slavery," said Mrs Diane Rust-Tierney of the American Civil Liberties Union in Washington. She saw the protection for the penalty in the south reflects old laws which decreed heavier sentences for the murders of whites than for blacks.

The civil rights organizations are also alarmed at a lack of sufficient judicial review in some states and at the fact that many convicts are being executed without having had a lawyer.

The only route to scrapping the death penalty is through public opinion. "Once you give people the facts, once they hear that it is unfair, racist and doesn't work, they change their mind about the penalty," Mrs Rust-Tierney said.

Amnesty International, based in London, is also shortly to launch a campaign to focus attention on American capital punishment.

## Party purge in China

## Intellectuals face expulsion

From Robert Gries, Peking

As many as seven liberal intellectuals may face expulsion from the Chinese Communist Party only two months before the important 13th party congress.

Mr Wu Zuguang, a prominent playwright, has told foreign journalists that on August 1 Mr Hu Qiaomu, a member of the Politburo and a leading orthodox ideologue, came to his home and told him to resign from the party, which he joined in 1981, or else face expulsion.

Mr Hu reportedly read out a document issued by the party's Central Commission for Discipline Inspection that accused Mr Wu of opposing the party leadership in the 1950s and during the anti-spiritual pollution campaign of 1983.

Another intellectual, Mr Wang Ruoshui, fired from his job as deputy editor of the *People's Daily* in 1983, was

also visited by Mr Hu. But Mr Wang refused to resign, choosing instead to be expelled.

Among those given the same ultimatum and opting for expulsion, according to Mr Wu, are: Mr Su Shaozhi, director of the Research Institute of Marxism-Leninism-Study of Mao Tse-tung Thought; Mr Zhang Xianyang, an institute member; Mr Sun Changbiao, deputy editor of *Science News*; and Mr Ge Yang, editor of *New Observer* magazine.

The expulsions would follow those of Mr Fang Lizhi, the outspoken astrophysicist, Mr Wang Ruowang, a writer, and Mr Liu Binyan, an investigative journalist. They were expelled earlier this year at the start of a campaign against Western influences.

The expulsions, if they occur, are expected to be a blow to the prestige of China's senior leader, Mr Deng Xiaoping. His leading lieutenant, Mr

Zhao Ziyang, the Prime Minister and acting General Secretary of the party, had said earlier this year that no more expulsions would take place.

In January, after almost two months of nationwide student demonstrations in support of democratic reforms, Mr Hu Yaobang, the liberal General Secretary of the party, who had been expected to succeed Mr Deng as chairman of the powerful Central Military Commission, was forced to resign his post.

Chinese sources then said that Mr Deng was displeased with Mr Hu for having allowed the demonstrations to threaten the party's authority.

In the past week, some sources have said that Mr Deng may be trying to woo conservatives so his ambitious programme of party staff changes and political reform will be approved at October's congress.



## Wave of strikes hits more than 200 South Korean firms

## 100,000 rally for workers in pay battle

Ulsan (Reuter) — A crowd of 100,000 workers and supporters held a rally in this South Korean industrial city, for higher pay and free unions at South Korea's leading export port yesterday as the Government sent a senior official to mediate in the dispute.

Some 25,000 staff from the Hyundai industrial group were led by two company fire engines, a forklift and a crane as they paraded through Ulsan, Hyundai's industrial base. The parade, raucous but mostly peaceful, was cheered by 75,000 supporters. The protest ended with a rally of 40,000 workers and supporters in a stadium.

It was the second day of demonstrations against Hyundai, which closed six plants in the face of a union strike threat. Two other Hyundai factories here had been closed earlier by strikes.

The Government sent the Labour Vice-Minister, Mr Han Jin Hee, to Ulsan, in the south of the country, and a Ministry spokesman said he would arrange a meeting between labour and management today.

SEOUL: The recent labour strife that has closed shipyards, car factories, bus lines and mines reflects the strains of democratization rather than a threat to national stability, according to observers (A Correspondent writes).

New strikes sprout each day, but disputes are settled as fast as they begin. On Sunday, for example, stoppages were settled at 74 plants while new disputes broke out at 35 others. "Beneath the headlines, a lot of agreements have been reached," said a Western labour expert. "And 99.9 per cent of the time, issues have been limited to those that affect workers. They haven't broadened to political issues."

The Hyundai strikes, affecting some 70,000 workers at subsidiaries of Korea's largest conglomerate, have caused special concern because of their ripple effect, threatening jobs at more than 4,000 parts suppliers. The workers are demanding a unified trade union for all the striking affiliates, a demand the management rejects as illegal. Under South Korean law,

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Tens of thousands rallying yesterday in Ulsan against Hyundai's decision to shut six plants after union threats to strike for recognition and higher pay.

trade unions can only represent single enterprises.

Mr Kim Jong Soo, a Hyundai spokesman, commented: "Money is not a big factor now. But their insistence on negotiating with all the companies is something like nonsense."

Many strikes centre on the

question of who should represent workers. One problem, observers agree, is that unions have been repressed for so long that their leaders have minimal negotiating experience — while managements are not used to handling militant workers without government help.

Mr Chang Hyun Joon, of the Government-financed Korea Development Institute, said: "They have done business in a very friendly environment. That kind of environment led entrepreneurs to misjudge the situation."

More than 200 companies were still affected by strikes

yesterday. The country's three main car makers — Hyundai, Daewoo and Kia — remained idle through lack of parts.

The Ministry of Trade and Industry said strikes have already cost Korea more than £185 million in lost production.

South Korea's export-ori-

ented economy fared well because of low oil and interest costs and the soaring value of Japan's yen. South Korea's main competitor, But those factors have begun to subside, and the prospect of higher wages leads many businessmen to fear that their boom will go bust.

## First vote settles Wellington Cabinet

From Richard Long  
Wellington

The New Zealand Labour Party caucus, meeting for the first time since winning a 15-seat majority in Saturday's general election, yesterday elected four new Cabinet ministers to replace retiring ministers but otherwise basically left unchanged the pre-election Cabinet.

Apart from retirements, the only change was the surprise switch of Mr Kerry Burke, the Immigration Minister, to the role of Speaker after speculation that he could lose selection because of dissatisfaction with his performance.

While the Labour Party caucus selects the Cabinet, the Prime Minister, Mr David Lange, allocates the portfolios and will do this on Friday. He said that the new Cabinet was selected on the first ballot, which he believed to be a record in party history.

Much attention has centred on the Cabinet selection of the popular Auckland MP Ms Helen Clark, who is widely expected to be appointed Minister of Disarmament.

Other selections were Dr Michael Cullen, aged 42, the Chief Whip, Mr Bill Jeffries, 41, the Under-Secretary for Works and Transport, and Mr David Butler, 38, Under-Secretary for Agriculture.

## Elections in Denmark

## Schluter's call for early poll takes MPs by surprise

From Christopher Follett, Copenhagen

Mr Poul Schluter, Denmark's Conservative Prime Minister yesterday announced a snap election to be held on September 8, four months before the end of the ruling centre-right four-party coalition Government's normal term of office.

Although there had been a certain amount of election fever in the Prime Minister in recent weeks, the Danish Minister's announcement took parliamentarians by surprise. It came at the opening of an emergency four-day session of Parliament, which had been called during the middle of the summer recess to pass legislation to end a four-month-old strike by 600 state-employed computer programmers. This strike has paralysed state

every potential have been exacerbated by gloomy forecasts of stagnating world markets.

Predictions of another poor year for Danish agricultural and industrial exports in 1987 have added to the fiscal gloom, which has been further compounded by an Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development report on Denmark's economy, published earlier this month. This gave a warning of zero economic growth, rising unemployment, flagging exports and serious balance of payments deficits in the coming two years.

Although Denmark had a record £3,000 million balance of payments shortfall last year, the country's 24th consecutive year of external current account deficit, Mr Palle Simonsen, the Finance Minister, announcing the draft state budget for 1988 on Monday was optimistic about the economy. He forecast a halving of the balance of payments deficit this year and big cuts in the state budget shortfall.

Some commentators feel, though, that the Government was forced to call a September election by forecasts of a further deterioration in the economy by the end of the year.

The ruling centre-right coalition, which came to power in 1982 and was re-elected in 1984, is generally expected to have its mandate renewed.

The result of the election could be close, though, as the opposition Social Democrats, the biggest political party in Denmark, which has been in government for much of the past half century, and the anti-



Mr Poul Schluter: Took Parliament by surprise.

administration in Denmark, affecting statistics, the payment of state employees, pensions and student grants, and the collection of tax.

A prolonged dispute between specialist doctors and the local authorities is also to be stopped. This has hit the national health service.

The announcement of a September poll, which ends weeks of speculation about an early election, was welcomed by all the nine parties represented in the current Folketing (Parliament). It comes at a time when Denmark holds the six-month presidency of the European Council of Ministers for the fourth time, meaning that a quick election will help Mr Uffe Ellemann-Jensen, the Foreign Minister, to get back to the job of leading the European Community by mid-September if the Conservative-Liberal coalition wins.

It also comes at a time when Danes are preoccupied with mounting economic problems. The EEC country with the highest standard of living, Denmark is in the throes of an acute economic crisis which could threaten the streamlined cradle-to-grave welfare system it has built up and nurtured on credit.

Denmark had a total foreign debt of £24 billion, 40 per cent of the gross domestic product at the end of 1986, the equivalent of almost £5,000 for every inhabitant and one of the highest levels in the world. Doubts about Denmark's rec-



Mr Uffe Ellemann-Jensen: Leading the EEC.

Nato, anti-EEC. Socialist People's Party could together muster enough votes to form a left-wing majority in the new Parliament — an event which some commentators think would lead to Denmark being placed under the administration of the International Monetary Fund.

"The atmosphere in Denmark today is very much like it was in Britain just before the IMF intervention there in 1976," a senior EEC diplomat told *The Times*.

## STATE OF THE PARTIES

The ruling four-party centre-right minority coalition has a total of 80 seats in the 179-seat Folketing in Copenhagen. The government parties have the following representation: Conservatives 43 seats, Venstre Liberals 24, Centre-Democrats eight, Christian Peoples Party five.

The opposition Social Democrats are the biggest single party, with 57 seats; the Socialist People's Party have 10 seats and the Socialists five. The centre Radical Liberals have 10 seats and the right-wing Progress Party four. The North Atlantic territories of Greenland and the Faroe Islands each have one MP.

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## SPECTRUM

## Which path leads to paradise?

**T**he one million Muslims in our midst cannot simply remain as they are: the numbers are too great, the disparities too many, the racial tensions already too stressed. By the year 2001, they will be more numerous in these islands, but by then they will be either practically invisible or dangerously isolated, associated in the public consciousness with the troublemakers of the Gulf.

This despite, as one Muslim leader reasonably remarked: "Iran is no more the face of Islam than was the Spanish Inquisition that of Christianity."

The apparent choice facing the followers of Islam in Britain over the coming decades is fascinating: within their community battlelines are being drawn, alliances formulated and armories of argument and resources assembled.

The softer scenario has a vision of the great, unseen phalanx of Muslims following the path trodden earlier by Britain's Jews and Roman Catholics — towards virtually complete assimilation for those who do not demand that they be set apart.

It projects that within 20 years Muslims will have percolated into every level of our society. Muslims will be accepted as our lawyers or our in-laws, as governors of British banks... and as Bradford City goalkeepers. It will only be by the hour they pray, the day they pray and to whom they pray that they will be set apart.

There are even those who argue that what will be forged here, British Islam, will serve as a model for the rest of the world, an interface where the East/West conflict which began with the Crusades will find an accommodation. Such a prospect has little appeal for the second faction of Islamic thought. They see the examples of the assimilated Jews and the swallowed-up Catholics as an awful warning rather than a useful signpost.

A need to preserve a cherished identity, a proselytizing zeal, a fierce obedience to the Qur'an's every letter determines their stance. Instead of the cosy list of similarities with Christian beliefs, they prefer to cite the ways in which their robust moral values are superior: they will live in the West, but they will ensure it ends at their doorstep.

Even British law would not cross the threshold of this faction. Dr Syed Pasha, secretary of the Union of Muslim Organizations (with Saudi

## ISLAM



## IN BRITAIN

Muslims in Britain face a crucial choice: to be absorbed into the dominant culture or cling to tradition and become isolated.

Brian James reports on a question of faith

backing, the most wealthy of the competing Islamic blocs, argues that Muslims here should not be subject to our domestic laws on marriage, divorce, death and inheritance, but those of the Qur'an.

Whichever path is chosen, it will be beset with difficulties for those of the religion, over and beyond those problems which are a function of their race: unemployment, housing, prejudice. Dr Stephen Poulter, author of the standard work on English law and ethnic customs, and senior lecturer in law at Southampton University, said: "I foresee a great many problems for Muslims, and therefore a great deal of scope for doing something about them. For example, Muslims can sever a marriage by unilateral declaration."

"We can ban that here, but what should we do if such 'divorce' occurred abroad? And what about polygamy, with its obvious implications for our immigration laws? We cannot afford to be little Englanders; we must ask on every instance what does natural human justice dictate. Thus we might conclude that female circumcision ought to be prohibited, but that Muslim insistence on single-sex schooling must be permitted."

"On merely administrative matters, such as burial, we remain narrow-minded. Muslims want coffins so aligned that the heads face Mecca. Why should a civilized nation find it difficult to be generous about a matter like that?"

Britain's "generosity" — or simple common sense — will be tested on many, many matters. From science to the arts, in business houses and sports halls, there will moments requiring explanation on one side, tolerance on the other.

It is in schools and the doctors' surgeries that the two cultures most severely collide.

Middle-class Muslims may well take all the medicine they can get, joining BUPA, but practitioners like Dr Riyaz Ahmed in Birmingham's deprived Lozells district tell heartbreaking stories of women seen with serious illnesses long since developed who had been kept from life-saving treatment by fear of their menfolk's reaction. Even now, they sit down-cast and unwilling to detail their symptoms via their children, who often have to act as interpreter.

Given the range of the difficulties, does it not seem against nature to believe that Islam, in its more rigorous form, can survive; that in the next generation a young British Muslim will not be more likely to put down his jacket for a goalpost than his mat for prayer?

Not according to a senior official of the Commission for Racial Equality: "Those who retain the Islamic faith will only do so by great personal effort, finding the opportunity to pray five times a day, for example, from their youngest days. They will not easily surrender what has been so hard won."

That is rather the view, too, of Dr Farhan Nizami, director of the Centre for Islamic Studies at Oxford. "Studies have shown that second-generation followers of our faith are often more strict in their observance than their parents. There is evidence, also, that many young Muslims, having looked at the 'Hollywood' aspects of Western life, have recoiled. Even those exposed to a modern Western education feel a need to return to their Muslim roots."

But, Dr Nizami says, there is no need for Muslims to feel uncomfortable in Britain. The values of

Christianity and Islam are not so different as to invite conflict.

Is this the right time to be talking about closer contacts? Do you mean the problems of the Gulf, the sending of minesweepers and so on? Islam equals Iran... equals the Ayatollah... equals Jihad... equals bloodshed?

"This may not be the right time for the two religions to seek understanding but it is certainly a most important time. It was not the right time at the Crusades. It was not the right time in the centuries of colonialism. Why should this not be the best moment to try to remove the stereotyped views each has of the other?"

The most optimistic view of the developing shape of Islam in Britain comes from Dr Zaki Badawi, chairman of the Council of Mosques. "Our adjustment is inevitable. The first sacrifice we shall make is parts of the individual cultures within the faith — Nigerians, Egyptians, Pakistanis all carrying bits of their culture around their necks like a dead weight, slowing down progress. That will be shed, allowing a return to the basics of our religion."

Here, too, he says, there must be changes. "The position of women will become different, more liberalized. We shall lose our suspicion of science and technology, fears which hold back so many Muslim nations. We shall acquire the idea of democracy, the clever balance of responsibility and freedom: we shall learn such skills, the lack of which means most of our world is governed by dictators."

"As the greater divisions will be not between Britain and its Muslims, but between the two factions within the faith. This will not be entirely generation-defined, yet it will be the younger people who will decide. They see their parents besieged, more rigid in their religion than they would have been even in their old homeland, and they will see that they cling to the conservatism for comfort, from fear."

Dr Badawi lists with equal ease the benefits he insists may accrue for Britain. First, collectivism: "Muslims do not turn away, shut the windows, when they hear the screams of someone being mugged in the street." Then there is the responsibility accepted for the extended family: "Vital, I think, with the ageing population of this island." Finally, the Muslim regard for the authority of parents: "The cult of the young, the sanctifying of the wishes of teenagers, is dying," he says. "Our presence here will help the pendulum swing back."



Into the future: two Bengali Muslim girls stroll arm in arm down Brick Lane in east London

## THE STAR WHO BECAME A CONVERT

6 People say Muslim schools divide society. But by teaching respect and love for parents, they are mending society 9

Yusuf Islam enters his cluttered office almost diffidently. Religious obligations have delayed him, and he is late for his meeting at the Islamia Schools Trust he runs from a former leather factory in north London.

Yusuf is apologetic and clearly apprehensive. He declines to be photographed, but later relents. Tall, well built, with a dark bushy beard, he is conventionally dressed in a well pressed cotton shirt and stylish blue-black trousers, though normally these days he wears the long robe or *jalabiya* of a Muslim. It is difficult to imagine that this serious 39-year-old man with large plastic-rimmed glasses used to be Cat Stevens, one of the biggest selling pop stars of the early 1970s.

That is exactly as he wants it. Since converting to Islam in

December 1977, he has turned his back on his former career (in the same way, it seems, that Cat was a repudiation of Steven Georgiou, born down the road in Holborn, the son of a Greek Cypriot restaurant owner).

The way he tells it, the process was inevitable. Having converted to Islam, marriage was the highly recommended next step. When his Central Asian wife gave birth to a daughter, Hasanah, in 1980, he was forced to think about his child's education. Finding nothing which met his standards, he channelled part of his fortune into founding the Islamia Schools Trust (IST), which in 1983 paid £150,000 to buy a spacious Edwardian house in Brondesbury, Brent, and kit it out as a Muslim primary school. The Islamia



New harmonies: Yusuf Islam, formerly singer Cat Stevens, picture. It fulfils all aspects of human life.

School now has around 100 pupils, and a waiting list of 600.

Yusuf's quiet activism has been widely recognized. Downstairs his video company, complete with 16-track recording studio, makes educational tapes and films about Islam. He is chairman of Muslim Aid, which provides relief for the needy at home and abroad; in his role as an Islamic Bob Geldof, he has travelled to Sudan, Pakistan, Bangladesh and Malawi.

Dozing nervously on a note-pad, Yusuf explains why it was necessary to set up a separate Muslim school, where 20 per cent of the curriculum is devoted to Islamic studies. "There are great pressures on Muslim children in Britain. There is a tendency for them to be forced into the precepts and general behaviour of the crowd. That wouldn't be a problem if this was more of a Christian society. But it isn't. It's immoral and godless."

"People say separate Muslim schools divide society. But look at that society. How many children are regularly leaving their homes? By teaching respect and love for parents, Muslim schools are mending society. You have to begin somewhere."

Yusuf, brought up a Catholic, recalls his first encounter with Islam. In 1970, after recovering from tuberculosis, he went to Morocco on holiday. "I heard some chanting. I asked what it was. I was told, 'That's music for God.' I said 'I'd never heard of that. I just knew of music for people, for gain, for applause.'

"I'd been interested in religions like Buddhism. Now I found these had been internal affairs. They offered no real harmony. Islam completes the

Zarina Kanzer is the first woman in her devout Muslim family to go out to work — let alone join a trade union.

As the eldest of six children in the Bashir family, it was vital she became a sewing machine operator at the Courtaulds factory in her home town of Brierfield, near Blackburn in Lancashire, to earn the dowry for her recent marriage. Her father, aged 38, has been unemployed for three years.

Zarina, aged 19, joined the National Union of Tailors and Garment Workers immediately she started work at the sportswear firm two and a half years ago.

She contributed to running the family's terraced home in Halifax Road, but most of her earnings of several thousand pounds helped to buy a house and furniture with her husband. "I don't know much about unions, but I do know they help you if you get sacked or anything," she said, shyly.

Zarina left Mansfield High School, in Brierfield, with several CSEs. Half of Mansfield's pupils were Muslim, and therefore she more easily avoided pressures towards pop music and fashion, and she doesn't go to pubs or discos. "It's not in our family. I just don't want to because it's not natural," she says.

Muslims, who began emigrating in the 1960s to work in the mills of Brierfield and nearby Nelson, Colne and Rossendale, take pride in retaining the strongly religious traditions of rural Pakistan and Bangladesh.

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## AND THE WOMAN WHO IS RECONCILING TRADITION

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According to Mohammad Ramzan, the 34-year-old area representative for the Transport and General Workers' Union textile group, most still believe it is unadvisable for Muslim wives to work outside the home. Of the 1,500 textile workers affiliated to his branch, about 40 per cent of

them Muslim, only three or four are Muslim women. Yet Western influences are inevitable. Despite great resistance from families, more young Muslim girls now insist on working or going to college. Mohammad is shop steward at Brierfield's largest mill, bandage-makers Smith and

Nephew. About a quarter of the 650 workforce are Muslim Pakistanis or Bangladeshis. Almost all are union members.

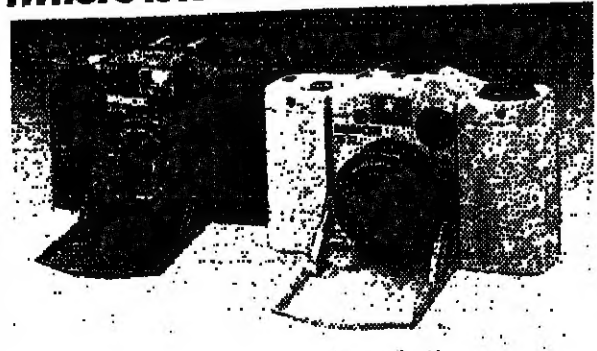
His biggest problem is getting firms to allow extended leave for visits to sick relatives abroad. It is "absolutely impossible" to visit Mecca, which causes heartbreak.

Firms are slowly allowing facilities for Muslims, however. India Mill, Blackburn, for example, has a small mosque and Smith and Nephew allows half-hour visits to a nearby mosque during special celebrations.

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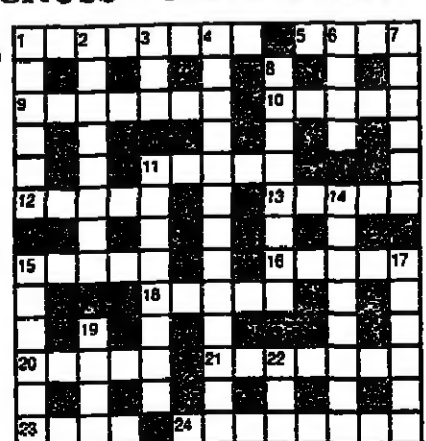
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### Stumped for a slogan

The SDP's merger trauma has finally silenced the party's conference slogan writers. At Buxton in 1984 the stage was dominated by the words "Common Sense". The following year at Torquay it was replaced by "Towards a fairer Britain". Last year's Harrogate platform displayed the legend "Partnership for Progress" beneath photographs of the two Davids grinning. This year the main stage at the conference hall in Portsmouth will simply feature the letters SDP. Maria Aderley of the party's publicity department explains she is anxious to avoid fuelling further controversy. "We're facing very difficult times," she complains. "What slogan could we have? To merge or not to merge? That's why we're having no slogan at all."

### Heavy squad

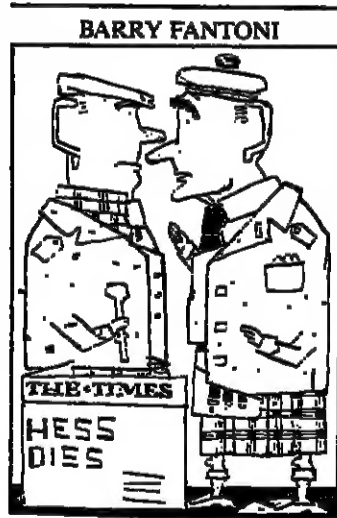
Barry Price, chief constable of Cumbria, is being tipped to succeed Colin Hewitt as National Drugs Intelligence Co-ordinator. Though I understand that the Home Office has yet to make a formal offer, Scotland Yard insiders say that Price fits the bill. In 1985 he chaired a three-day conference on drugs and helped to forge the setting up of nine new regional drug units. More contentiously, at the same time he made a case for shifting the burden of proof in possession cases to the year before, he described as "lunacy" the dropping of a provision in the Police and Criminal Evidence Bill that would allow body searches. A tough cookie.

### Mac the rife

The superstition that requires thespians to refer to *Macbeth* as "the Scottish play" appears to have crossed the bamboo curtain. The Shanghai Kunju Theatre Company, who arrive at the Edinburgh Fringe next week, have taken to calling their *Kunju Macbeth* "the play of the bloodstained hand". Audiences are more likely to be mystified by the captions that will be projected above the stage translating the Chinese dialogue back into the original Shakespeare, or thereabouts. One will read: "Ten thousand trees in shoes are coming this way."

### If at third...

A letter in the Amalgamated Engineering Union's current monthly magazine finds consolation for Labour's third election defeat in the career of Abraham Lincoln. It quotes a litany entitled *Requiem for Losers*: "Failed in business in 1831. Defeated for legislature 1832. Second business failure 1833. Suffered nervous breakdown 1836. Defeated for Speaker 1836. Defeated for Elector 1840. Defeated for Congress 1843. Defeated for Senate 1855. Defeated for Vice President 1856. Elected President 1860."



"The Duke's been keeping his eyes peeled for a plane carrying the Ayatollah"

### Herz of oak

The Duke of Windsor, whose postcard signed "Edward Herzog Von Windsor" was sold for £70 by Phillips last week, savoured the appellation. A correspondent from the United States recalls sitting in the Windsor's apartment in the Waldorf Towers Hotel in New York. "He wanted to order a drink for me, so he called room service and said: 'Hier ist der Herzog'. I assume the room service manager was German." Another Windsor-watcher confirms that the Duke, whose mother, Queen Mary, spoke better German than English, enjoyed showing off his proficiency in the tongue — much to the embarrassment of wartime Britain.

### Lovely Lebanon

Ibrahim Oweidat, a Lebanese diplomat, has been telling a Middle East newspaper that his homeland's tourist industry is "recovering strongly". Hotels and tourist facilities have been restored and the political situation has stabilized, he says. Airlines flying to Beirut are experiencing a "rush of passengers" and his own office is dealing with an "unprecedented rush" of visa applications. From what vantage point, you might ask, does Oweidat enjoy this rosy vision of Lebanon — a land where only last week one of the president's advisers was killed and whose prime minister was assassinated but a few months before? Answer: Saudi Arabia — where he is Lebanese consul.

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# Wright: how the Law Lords got it wrong

by Lord Scarman

catcher had lost its character of confidentiality because of the book's publication in the US.

In his minority opinion Lord Oliver analysed with devastating effect the case in law for the continuing of the injunction: there is, as he convincingly showed, no arguable case at all. The question of national interest also dissolves into nothingness upon his analysis. Of course there is a national interest in the security of the secret service, a life-long duty of confidentiality upon those who are, or have been, members of the service, and a strong *prima facie* case of breach of his duty of confidentiality by Peter Wright.

Lord Oliver's conclusion, however, is inevitable: in the light of what has occurred — publication of *Spycatcher* in the US and no prohibition upon the importation of the book into this country — any injunction is merely "to beat the air and to interfere with an essential freedom (of speech) for the preservation of a confidentiality that has already been lost beyond recall".

Lord Oliver reaches his conclusions without reference to the European conventions. But his analysis of the Attorney-General's submissions based on "arguable

case" and "national interest" disposes, if I may say with respect, of the argument developed by Lord Templeman to the effect that this case would fall within one of more of the exceptions to freedom of expression allowed by the European Convention.

A very important feature of the speeches of the Law Lords is the recognition, from which none of their Lordships expressly dissent (though I suspect one or two of them may have their reservations), that in appropriate cases our courts may properly take into consideration the provisions of the European Convention. Our courts already do so in "Common Market" cases for the simple reason that the European Court of Justice applies the European Convention in any case involving a human rights issue.

Now the House of Lords in its judicial capacity has considered it appropriate to test its conclusions against the criteria set by the convention in a case which arises outside the field of Common Market law. Lord Templeman, in his powerful speech supporting the majority view, clearly has no doubt that the convention must be considered in this case.

I have left to the last Lord

Bridge's trenchant speech championing the freedom of the press and the right of free speech. He explodes the fallacy that the decision of the House in this case is merely "interlocutory", that is to say, one limited to maintaining or discharging a temporary injunction. Of course, it is in form; but the reality is very different. The real question was whether the Attorney-General could sustain a claim for permanent injunctions, and he held that once the *Spycatcher* information had become "fully available" it was nonsensical to talk about preventing its "disclosure".

Finally, I agree with Lord Bridge that it would be a pity if the government were to rest content with the insecure laurels of its "water-tight" victory in this litigation. And it would do our national reputation, including the reputation of our secret service, no good to have the whole pitiable affair resurrected in the European Court of Human Rights — where the newspapers must go, unless the government relents.

What now of the future? Surely we must strengthen and sharpen the democratic control of the secret service. Supervision by the Prime Minister is not close enough, and cannot be, given the multifarious responsibilities of her office. A tighter control, or greater accountability, and an alert parliamentary select committee, sitting in private whenever it thinks fit, might lead to future Peter Wrights being exposed and restrained before confidence is broken. Some disloyal individuals will, no doubt, escape to foreign parts and there disclose what ought to remain confidential; but that is a price a democratic society pays in order to protect the people's right to free expression of opinion and to the free exchange of ideas and information.

Robin Oakley on the risks Mrs Thatcher runs by spurning Leon Brittan

## The fall guy bites back



word with Brittan since. A pattern of behaviour, one might think, that is compatible with a certain amount of guilty feeling.

With a phrase here and a suggestion there, the message has been allowed to spread that "Oh yes, of course Leon was an intelligent fellow, a brilliant Chief Secretary, but he was, you know, just that little bit too clever. And after all didn't he have to be moved from the Home Office because he was no good on TV?"

Coming from the administration of a prime minister who has always rated sheer intellect highly, that is unfair and inconsistent. Brittan was not made Home Secretary for his telegraphic qualities.

He did make a mess of handling the *Real Lives* TV documentary involving the Sinn Féin leader, Martin McGuinness, working too hard to please Mrs Thatcher. But, in many other ways he was a first class Home Secretary. His working paper on criminal justice was one of the most outstanding statements of a government department's aims and methods in many years. He spotted political rows coming far sooner than his predecessors. His rapid authorization of police reinforcements to keep open the Nottinghamshire pits played a crucial role in defusing the miners' strike, as did his clear guidance on picketing law. His tough approach to violent crime cloaked some sensible penal reforms.

He was moved because of Mrs

Thatcher's alarm over Tory backbench attacks on her government's presentational qualities. She could not move Nigel Lawson or Geoffrey Howe. Brittan was picked on, though the GCHQ, Tisdall and Posing affairs and the battles on the economy which had sparked the panic were not his fault.

One of the least arrogant politicians at a dining table or a cricket ground bar, Brittan has never learned how to appear that way on the public stage. But that does not excuse his treatment by the Prime Minister or the Tory party's ready acceptance of it.

What both have underestimated is Brittan's quality of perseverance. The vein of anti-Jewish prejudice which survives in the Tory party put him through 15 selection contests before he was chosen for a seat. But he never gave up. His close identification with his Yorkshire seat and his expounding of the need for regional aid, which began when he was Trade Secretary, has seen him become a powerful voice for the neglected North.

Brittan's ability to fight showed in rows over the Gas Bill when he was still in office. He threatened to have his name taken off it unless the changes he sought were made.

Mrs Thatcher's Cabinet discards have followed the same general pattern: a couple of well-reported speeches, much attention for the first mini-revolution, and then steady, remorseless decline as

the media loses interest. But Brittan is no extinct volcano. As his August output has demonstrated, he is a politician of major intellect still at the peak of his powers and energy.

His warning that regional disparities require tackling along with the inner cities exposes a gaping hole in the government's strategy. His anger at the release of prisoners who have served only half their sentences simply because there is no room for them behind bars will strike a chord with the Tory conference faithful. His dissection of the American foreign policy which so influences the Prime Minister echoes concerns felt throughout Whitehall and Westminster.

Brittan, in short, has a considerable capacity to score points against his own government. Until now he has chosen not to exercise it. But the signs are that since Mrs Thatcher has failed to honour her part of the unspoken post-Westland bargain, Brittan now feels free to shed a few inhibitions.

Westland cost the government two men it could ill afford to lose. An imaginative prime minister intent on winning not just a third election but a fourth one as well would have brought them both back in the post-election reshuffle (Swansea boy Michael Heseltine, after all, is ideally qualified to be Secretary of State for Wales). Now that Leon Brittan too has begun to cut loose, the Tories may pay for that lack of imagination.

## Why Peking is saying 'Please don't go'

With only 10 years to go before reverting to China, Hong Kong is so confident of Peking's intentions that its government is asking the Ministry of Defence to run down the British garrisons as quickly as possible. It wants to cut the cost, to which it contributes 75 per cent.

China, it might be thought, would welcome such a move. Instead it is urging Britain to keep every man at his post until the handover. It argues that if only a token force remained, it could not build up a substantial garrison of its own without alarming Hong Kong's five million people. China also fears that a British withdrawal would be followed by sale of the barracks, leaving it with inadequate accommodation for its own forces.

It is the very smoothness of Sino-British relations that has led to this situation. If Hong Kong businessmen believed that China might renege on its promise to retain a capitalist system for at least 50 years, the colony would not be fretting about its £185 million annual defence contribution. If Peking feared that

Britain might change its mind and invoke the 1842 Treaty of Nanjing, which ceded Hong Kong island to Britain "in perpetuity", it would not be asking the 9,000 servicemen to stay.

The chemistry works because it is in the overwhelming interests of both sides that it should. Hong Kong Island could never have been a viable colony without the New Territories, which were obtained in 1989 on a 99-year lease. For China, Hong Kong must remain rich and confident if it is to continue generating hard currency and buying Chinese imports.

But it is only in the last year that the people of Hong Kong have truly accepted that the Sino-British Joint Declaration, published in September 1984, meant what it said. Although seen at the time as a foreign policy triumph, the ink was barely dry on the signatures before doubters' voices were heard.

Confidence has been greatly helped by the steady progress of the Joint Liaison Group, a forum of British and Chinese experts who meet for a week three times a

year to plan the hand-over. The meetings are held in private, but China is understood to have aired its opposition to a British military sub-group on defence and public order in May. The issue is certain to be resolved at future JLG meetings, because neither side wants a row.

At the same time, another forum, the Ministry of Defence, is discussing its withdrawal plans with the Hong Kong government. Well informed sources say that Hong Kong first outlined its proposals for a rapid rundown at about the same time that Peking first objected to any withdrawal. The Ministry is understood to have been surprised and not at all pleased. Further discussions are expected in the autumn.

The MoD has insisted on discussing the matter separately from its negotiations with Hong Kong on the defence costs agreement, although the two most overlap. The present arrangement expires next spring, and Hong Kong is determined to secure a reduction in its contribution.

The British troops are used mainly to patrol the land border to prevent Chinese immigrants crossing, but this role will vanish with the expansion of the police force from 25,000 to 30,000.

The arrival in the last seven weeks of 6,000 Vietnamese boat people who had settled temporarily in Hong Kong has added to the Royal Navy's role, but this will also disappear as China steps up its own marine patrols.

Whitehall's resistance to Hong Kong's demands stems partly from reluctance to pay off or relocate large numbers of loyal Gurkhas. Already this year the four Gurkha battalions have been reduced to three by disbanding the 2nd/7th Gurkha Rifles.

The paradox of an anxiety-prone British colony telling the motherland that its garrison is an expendable luxury has been given a twist of irony: Peking has promised that when it takes over it will not charge Hong Kong a penny for its defence.

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Diplomatic Correspondent

M.R.D. Foot

## Hess doubts that refuse to die

Did Rudolf Hess die in Berlin this week, or in the North Sea in May 1941? The Times obituary took for granted that the 93-year-old who was moved from Spandau Prison to the British military hospital in Berlin, and died there on Monday, was Hitler's deputy. It describes as "discredited" *The Murder of Rudolf Hess*, a book by an Army doctor, Hugh Thomas (Hodder & Stoughton 1979), which holds that the man who arrived in Scotland and went to Spandau was not Hess, but his double. Enormous difficulties attend this view; yet still more enormous ones attend the received version.

As a major in the RAMC, Thomas worked in Belfast in the early 1970s. There he specialised in chest wounds, and examined — directly and by X-ray — men who had been shot through the chest, both recently and long ago. When he was posted to Berlin in 1972 to join the team responsible for the prisoner in Spandau, he read the medical records. He noticed that his prospective patient had been shot through the chest in a skirmish in Romania in 1917. From the X-rays of the man in Spandau he could see at a glance that this man had never been shot through the chest. Frau Hess later confirmed to him that her husband's chest and back bore the scars of this wound; the chest and the back of the man in Spandau (whom Frau Hess never saw undressed) did not.

His interest aroused, Thomas established that Hess took off from Augsburg at 3.45 pm on May 10, 1941, in a twin-engine fighter, a Messerschmitt 110D, which was not then carrying the pair of drop tanks that could be fitted to give increased range. Shortly before he took off Hess complained that somebody had taken his flying suit, and he borrowed a friend's.

An ME 110 was plotted out over the coast near Amsterdam by the Germans at 7.28 pm. An unidentified aircraft was plotted into England by British radar near Holy Island at 10.12 pm, and identified by the Royal Observer Corps as an ME 110. It released its drop tanks over the Clyde — whence one was picked up next day — and crashed near Kilmarlock in Ayrshire at 10.50 pm. No ME 110D carried fuel enough, drop tanks or no, to sustain it for over seven hours in the air.

The pilot of the aircraft, who escaped by parachute, was wearing Hess's flying suit over a Luftwaffe captain's uniform. He carried no identity disc, or any of Hess's personal papers; he had a used envelope addressed to a Hauptmann Alfred Horn, which he at first said was his name. He demanded to see the Duke of Hamilton, then an RAF wing commander, who identified him as Hess: so did a senior BBC official, an ex-diplomat, in the middle of the night, in bad light.

Hess, though a tough Nazi, was a courteous man; the pilot was not. Hess was a vegetarian; the pilot wolfed whatever was put in front of him. Hess, though far from a Great Brain, knew something of politics and of war; the pilot talked, long and confusedly, to little useful purpose.

One might have expected that something useful would have come out of the interrogation. An indiscretion by J.M. Langley, once my co-author, gave me the name of the ME officer who conducted it; he spoke German as fluently as he spoke English. The results of the interrogation have never been released, and absolutely nothing from it filtered down to — working — junior staff officers, as I was at the time.

That Hess had flown to Scotland and fallen into British hands was a world sensation. Had Hitler's deputy started to talk at all about how the Nazi state was run, points of real interest would have come out; none did. Professor Hinsley's majestic summary of *British Intelligence in the Second World War* (HMSO 1979) devotes only a single sentence to Hess.

When the man who called himself Hess was sent to Nuremberg to stand trial, the other Nazi leaders treated him with reserve; he was noticed never to join in any of their attempts to gossip together. He struck Rebecca West, who attended the trial, as obviously deranged. He was nevertheless found fit to plead.

For more than 20 years after starting his life sentence he refused to see Frau Hess; when at last he did, she remarked how much deeper his voice had got. No grown man's voice gets deeper with the years. She saw him from close enough to notice that the gap between her husband's middle front teeth had disappeared; no mention of this is in the medical records. Hess's son is supposed to have identified him; he was four when his father vanished.

Hess is known to have been contemplating some great gesture in the spring of 1941, perhaps a flight to Britain; and to have confided his secret to one of his ADCs. But this ADC had been planted on him by Himmler, the head of the Gestapo. Himmler must be inferred, arranged for Hess's double to learn to fly, and to simulate Hess briefly on foreign soil; arranged for Heydrich, who was a competent pilot (and had an unexplained flight in his log book on the evening of May 10, 1941) to shoot Hess down; and explained to the double that if he ever told the truth, boiling in oil would be mild compared with what would happen to his family. Preposterous? Perhaps; but there is a long gap between the preposterous and the impossible. Secretive societies enjoy keeping secrets.

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## Monsieur Hyde en vacance

I wouldn't go as far as Louis MacNeice's father, a bishop, who thought the French a disgusting race "because they use toothpicks". Toothpicks are not the problem. The difficulty with the French is The Wheel. It's a cruel, bloodthirsty deity, and they worship it.

I have returned from a short, sharp, keenly fought campaign in the cockpit of Europe, otherwise known as the *Autoreoute du Soleil*. Some of the things that war consists of long periods of boredom punctuated by short moments of terror. That's a fair description of a drive in August along the *autoreoute* between Paris and the Mediterranean.

It makes the M25 look like ring-a-ring-a-roses. About 27 million French people go on holiday at the beginning of August. Eight thousand, according to the statistics, do not come back. Not all of those are road accident victims. Some of them probably couldn't face the idea of the drive home.

What happens to all that "bonjour, monsieur" politeness, all that hand-shaking, cheek-kissing, ceremonious "après vous" civility which the French normally exhibit to each other and to fellow members of the human race? Where does it go when they are in thrall to The Wheel?

And I don't mean just driving a car. They need only be pushing a supermarket trolley for the transformation to take place. As I limped away, bruised and scarred, from the "pour vos haricots" counter of the San Tropez hypermarket, I suddenly understood why the French word for a supermarket trolley is *chariot*.

Der Jekyll was to be seen visibly changing to Monsieur Hyde at one automobile service station. I was waiting to use a telephone, standing outside the neat, spacious, all-glassed French telephone box, staring meaningfully at the man inside who was using it. This is one social situation which is always laden with potential conflict.

The normal procedure in Britain is for the telephoner inside the box to turn his back on the would-be telephoner outside and pretend he isn't there. The would-be telephoner outside then walks round to the other side of the box, the telephoner inside turns his back again, and so on up to the

final hammering on the glass. But not when you are dealing with a Frenchman remote from his car and switched into his *liberté et égalité* mode.

He looked me in the eye. He raised his shoulders in an eloquent, apologetic shrug, broke off his conversation, opened the door, and said: "I will hurry myself." What is more, he did. His parting comment as he held the door for me was: "I hurried myself as much as I could."

I then watched him get into his car. A woman in a Renault studying a map was blocking the way out of his parking slot. He put one hand on the horn button and left it there. He shook the other fist. He revved his engine. There was an exchange of shouts and a raising of hands to the heavens. Finally he accelerated away to join the other light-flashing, left and right-overtaking, over-fast, over-close, motorized maniacs.

Every half-mile you see the tell-tale black skidmarks leading to a length of crumpled safety barrier, the relic of another incident. You have to keep one eye constantly on the mirror, looking out for the ambulances screaming down the fast lane at over the ton.

The source of the frenzy is, I suppose, the French desire to get on. They all want to be prime ministers. They're all competitive go-getters, motivated by the desire to go places. Time is short.

The restless Gallic mind always has to be in gear. The British motorway is a bland, functional strip laid across the landscape. It forces us to concentrate on the job in hand. But the French *autoreoute* is a journey through history, art, and culture. Notices are forever pointing to a fortified church, a hilltop abbey, or a 12th-century farm.

Our attention is drawn to "the landscape of Cézanne" or "the typical fruits of Provence". In one spot cows obligingly munch grass beside a sign saying simply "animal husbandry". Perhaps it's meant to slow everyone down and make them pause in their mad career. If so, it doesn't work. Hungry for the next t-b-bit, the feverish French race on.

Why, I wonder, did Kenneth Grahame call his speeding motorist Mr Toad? Toads walk and are slow and clumsy compared to the leaping Monsieur Frog.

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## BAD SIGNS FROM SRI LANKA

Yesterday's bomb attack in Sri Lanka's parliament has drawn attention to the fragility of the peace accord signed last month to resolve the island's ethnic conflict. Even at the outset, the settlement was greeted with considerable caution. It was rightly seen as a justifiable but somewhat desperate attempt to solve the decades-old dispute between Sri Lanka's Sinhalese majority and Tamil minority. Now there is cause for still stronger concern for its survival.

There are three critical issues which this latest incident has placed in sharp relief. First, it seems clear that the Sri Lankan security forces cannot fully be trusted by the government. Last month, when the settlement was signed, a Sinhalese naval rating attacked the Indian Prime Minister during a ceremonial guard of honour. That was the first ominous sign although both the Indian and Sri Lankan governments sought to explain it away.

Yesterday's attack in parliament confirms those suspicions. The fact that its parliament, where security should have been at its tightest, should be susceptible in this way is an indication of the government's vulnerability. Such dangers arise from the infiltration by Sinhalese extremists of the island's army and police. They have already made known their determination to overthrow the settlement. How successful they are may now depend upon the depth and comprehensiveness of this penetration.

Secondly, initial reports from Colombo suggest that the assassins' target was President Junius Jayawardene himself. For the last decade, he has dominated his government and his party. When the peace accord with Mr Gandhi was signed, it was widely interpreted as another indication of the President's political strength. The fact that it was concluded despite his Prime Minister's well-known reservations corroborates the popular impression that the President is the main force behind the pact.

This raises the question of whether the agreement would survive the President. Mr Jayawardene cannot feel entirely safe in Colombo today. Since he is 81, it would be unrealistic not to consider this question even if the climate for security were more favourable.

Although Sri Lanka's Finance Minister yesterday repeated the government's continued commitment to the settlements, the opposition within the ruling United National Party has been strengthened. In the absence of President Jayawardene, it may not be prepared to continue with the settlement.

The third and perhaps the most important question highlighted by yesterday's incident is just what future there can be for a settlement that is so deeply resented by both sides. Sections of the Sinhalese community have left little doubt of their determination to fight it. The Tamil guerrilla groups, who have so far been coerced by India into a reluctant acceptance, are also unhappy. The Tamil Tigers' leader, Mr Prabhakaran, has continued to maintain his group's commitment to securing an independent Tamil state in the future.

The political risk for President Jayawardene's party is not just the possibility of defeat in the 1989 elections but the virtual elimination of his cause. In Mr Gandhi's case, it is the danger of his soldiers having to enforce Tamil compliance with the settlement at the same time as the Sinhalese seem determined to pull out.

If President Jayawardene cannot take the necessary harsh steps to ensure that he can trust his own troops he may well have to call on Mr Gandhi for help again. That would embroil India even more deeply without any guarantee of the settlement's eventual acceptance. It is far from clear that either President Jayawardene or Prime Minister Gandhi are prepared for this.

## FROM BLACKBOARD TO JUNGLE

This is the time of the year when a growing number of students get an unexpected first taste of adult life. Those who have failed to achieve the A-level grades demanded for their chosen course of higher education find that no longer can they rely on the comfortable bureaucratic system which gave them their "conditional" offers. This has been left behind, along with the desks, blackboard dusters and debating societies. In its place is a jungle where candidates anxious for places and academics anxious about vacancies jostle for selfish advantage, where the artful profit and the slow may be left with the scraps.

The university and polytechnic entry system is relatively efficient at matching candidates to places in the spring, prior to the announcement of A-level results. It offers places in physics for a B and two Cs, places in history for an A and two Bs and so on. Once the results are declared, however, it annually gives way under the strain.

A proportion of students will have to forgo the offer made to them, having failed to meet the standard set; but they may still be sufficiently qualified for another course elsewhere. Some courses are thus now short of students. Some students are short of courses. There suddenly exists an almost perfect market place in which supply and demand grope towards each other by telephone. It works, after a fashion, but many a student and a parent may be left wondering after this week whether there ought to be a better way of organizing it.

Currently it is a big help to be instructed in advance in the mysteries of the clearing system. For not all is what it seems. Some admissions tutors are reputed to announce bogus vacancies for popular subjects at this time; these draw telephone calls from unwary candidates who are then persuaded to apply for similar but less popular courses on which there are genuine vacancies. Candidates with cunning, on the other hand, have been known to accept a variety of offers, known in the trade as "bids", so that they can choose which they prefer at leisure.

Meanwhile the official clearing-house sys-

tems, run by the Universities Central Council on Admissions (UCCA) and the Polytechnics Central Admissions System (PCAS), find their tidy arrangements defeated by the opportunism and enterprise of candidates and the refusal of admissions tutors to play according to the rules. In the official version of the game, candidates are asked to make their needs known by post through UCCA and PCAS and then wait patiently; in the unofficial version, they start telephoning as soon as, persistently, and as persuasively as possible, until they have a place.

Some players would like to end the August free-for-all, notably UCCA, PCAS and a few admissions tutors. But they are up against the fact that a university's, or college's, academic status (and its grants from public funds) can ultimately depend on its being seen to run full and popular courses. As long as admissions tutors have this responsibility they have an incentive to take telephone calls from candidates, bypassing the official system. As long as candidates know this, they have an incentive to call.

Accepting that the free-for-all is going to happen anyway, UCCA and PCAS have realistically but reluctantly agreed to improve the way it works by telling enquirers what they know about vacancies in the system. So has *The Times* through its vacancy lists, now being published daily. Markets need information, and that is the right way forward.

The central admissions services would do even better if they could do more to see that no one was left behind either through misleading advice from schools or career services, or by lack of access to the necessary information and a telephone. If, in the longer term, they want to replace the unofficial system, they will have both to convince everybody that their computerized matching service is capable of doing a more efficient job and extract from more than 70 academic institutions in Britain binding undertakings that they will no longer accept independent inquiries from would-be students. Knowing the pressure on them, and how much they value their freedom, that is an unlikely prospect.

## NO RESPITE FOR SPANDAU

The imminent demolition of Spandau prison looks like being less controversial than it should be. Even the Russians have acquiesced in its destruction, on the death of its last prisoner, Rudolf Hess.

It was often assumed that the Soviets might be difficult about Spandau. They were said to have regarded Hess as a living visa; to have thought that the great-coated Soviet guards, high-stepping like clockwork dolls around the bleak red-brick Prussian walls, could be in West Berlin only by courtesy of the solitary captive.

In fact, the Russians have had no such need. Under the quadripartite agreements on Berlin their soldiers have the right to come and go. Official "flag patrols", mounted by troops from all the occupying powers, cruise in civilian cars on either side of the Berlin Wall. Soldiers in uniform can pass through Checkpoint Charlie without even showing a pass. It seems likely that the significance of the Spandau guard as a symbol of Soviet rights has always been exaggerated in the West.

Moscow has certainly seemed to accept without objection the loss of this vestigial right. Spandau now reverts to the status of any other official building in the British sector — and in fact is about to be pulled down. The arguments for doing this are severely practical. The prison is part of an old barracks complex which already houses part of the 4,000-strong British brigade. Bounded on one side by a main road and on the other three sides by the barracks, the site is not ideal for civil development.

Meanwhile, British families have to travel to another part of the city to reach the Nazi shop

and other facilities which are housed in converted buildings. The official argument is that it makes sense to build a new supermarket and leisure centre at Spandau and release the old Nazi complex for civilian housing development. As the costs are met by the government in Bonn, the decision is not an expensive one for Britain.

The stated reasoning by the authorities for the demolition of Spandau is to prevent it from being turned into an unifying shrine. The candle-lit vigil mounted on the night of Hess's death will be seen to justify this latent fear, though Spandau would hardly seem any neo-Nazi's first choice of inspiration.

Should Spandau be so precipitately pulled down? While it hardly represents one of the happier periods of Berlin's 750-year history, it is part of that history none the less. To destroy it so completely in the city's anniversary year should surely be a matter for some debate.

Spandau would certainly need expensive attention. It was built for 600 prisoners in a different age and for the last 21 years has housed no more than one. Vast areas have now fallen into misuse and disrepair. But there is an argument for retaining at least a part of it — in the interests of conservation and continuing education.

Curiously the East Germans recently disclosed their intention to build a leisure centre on top of where once lay Hitler's bunker. It is an odd coincidence that the last "homes" of the Nazi leader and his deputy should make way for such similar schemes. But the obliteration of the past is a soft option favoured by Eastern Europe. It might seem preferable for the West to preserve a part of it.

## Oil for wheels of justice

From Mr Donald Keating, QC  
Sir, I would think it somewhat unusual to have the immediately retired Lord Chancellor writing an article criticizing the Lord Chief Justice ("Breaking the legal log jam", August 13). My recollection (I write on holiday) is that Lord Lane was referring specifically to the suggestion in a report (details, July 22) of the civil justice review body that judicial sitting hours might be increased.

That suggestion has to be considered in the light of the many other suggestions referred to by Lord Hailsham for speeding up civil proceedings. Practitioners in heavy civil matters, particularly in construction cases, have welcomed many ways of reducing time spent in court.

The move today is towards putting things in writing in advance of trial — experts' reports, witness statements even when solely of fact, written submissions of contentions on both law and fact and identification of specific passages in documents actually to be relied on.

These moves in the courts have been pioneered by the official referees and in English arbitrations by many of the more forward-looking arbitrators. In international arbitrations they have become virtually standard practice.

By these methods there is brought about a substantial saving in hearing time. But to achieve real saving it is necessary for the tribunal to have had adequate opportunity to read, cross-reference and consider the documents before the hearing.

Far from it being helpful for the judge to sit longer hours he should have more time to read, either by shortening the working day or by giving him more reading days.

If these time and cost-saving methods are to be more widely adopted they may well require more judges if delays unacceptable to litigants are to be avoided. Yours faithfully, DONALD KEATING, Church Farm Cottage, Parsons Lane, Ewelme, Oxfordshire, August 13.

## Student labour

From Mr M. R. J. Gander  
Sir, Your Spectrum article, "Kiss of life for an old mill town" (August 4), reported that the new industries of Lowell, Massachusetts, "found no difficulty in getting skilled labour from Lowell University and other nearby educational institutions". How different we are!

The State, and many parents, pay huge sums each year on subsidising students at universities and polytechnics not merely to live but to live away from home. Consequently there is no tradition of the university or polytechnic being an integral part of the local community and no chance that a flow of skilled labour is therefore possible with which to attract new industrial investment.

Perhaps a scheme for positive discrimination in favour of "local" students, through the grant scheme and even through tax concessions, could be devised to encourage the university in the locality to become the local university.

Yours etc, M. R. J. GANDER, 20 The Avenue, Durham, August 4.

## Coping with disaster

From the Director of Army Psychiatry  
Sir, In Victoria McKee's interesting article on coping with catastrophe (August 13) it was suggested that it was important to contact survivors of disasters like the sinking of the Herald of Free Enterprise.

To do this after the passengers have dispersed to their homes requires an effective organisation as well as a substantial effort. The Army Psychiatric Service was able to do this for the Service-linked personnel.

We saw this as a worthwhile endeavour to reduce the impact of post-traumatic stress disorder. Most students of the effects of disaster would, however, advocate intervention at a very early stage, between 12 and 72 hours after the event, by prepared professionals.

Yours faithfully, P. ABRAHAM, Director of Army Psychiatry, Ministry of Defence, First Avenue House, High Holborn, WC1, August 17.

## Verdict on Burt

From Professor Emeritus Leslie S. Hearnshaw  
Sir, I must take exception to the statement in Professor Ronald Fletcher's letter (August 12), that "the testimony levelled against [Sir Cyril] Burt is demonstrably every bit as scandalous as anything of which Burt stood accused, being deliberately distorted and misleading".

In the five years that I spent compiling my biography (*Cyril Burt: Psychologist, 1979*) I read almost everything that Burt published and, in addition, a huge mass of correspondence, diaries and other documents. Despite my initial admiration of his work I came regretfully to the conclusion that the case for fraud, first

## Value of collaboration in space

From Mr A. G. D. Forbes  
Sir, Russia's tremendous ambitions and achievements in the development of power supplies from satellites (Spectrum, August 10-12) clearly present us with both potential threats and boundless opportunities.

The obvious dangers are that laser beams of very great intensity could be switched without warning from their normal commercial use to any target in some distant continent, where they might wreak untold death and destruction; and also that by giving the space race a further course to run, just when we had been led to hope that its finish was in sight, this ostensibly commercial competition might still further escalate the existing polarisation between eastern and western blocs.

We must surely set against this the shining possibilities of the total integration of development work in space by both Russia and the West. The USA should see that Russian satellites could well destroy its space defence weapons, and the Russians may fear that

America will be ready to launch Star Wars before they themselves are ready to reply. But if the Americans would abandon space defence, in exchange for Russian cooperation in the joint development of satellite power supplies to industry, then the most appalling military and political dangers to both sides could be avoided.

By combining the scientific and industrial power of all the countries that are developing space technology, the development cost would be shared between them instead of being multiplied by the numbers of agencies in competition. Far more significantly, the worldwide technical collaboration that must be forced on us all to avoid the terrifying risks of continued confrontation might eventually bring us closer to an international understanding that everyone wants, but that power alone cannot achieve. Yours faithfully, A. G. D. FORBES, Snagsmount, Pluckly, Ashford, Kent.

## 'Spycatcher' ruling

From Sir John Rawlings  
Sir, One of the many disturbing aspects of the *Spycatcher* affair is the readiness of people to ascribe the basest of motives (treachery, greed, revenge upon the system) to Mr Peter Wright, although none has met him and few have read his book. To whom or what is loyalty due: to the State, to the current government, to the Establishment, whatever it might be — or to one's own self, which is to say to conscience?

Most people who have had a career in one of the learned professions, in Government service, or in a major industrial concern will know of instances of injustice, illegality, personal injury, or even loss of life which resulted from decisions which were incompetent, callous, or even frankly malicious. Yet most have kept silence, sheltering behind a conventional concept of loyalty. It is easier that way and, in the case of the Secret Service, no doubt a good deal safer.

The law lords are divided on the issue of publication. It would be interesting to hear their opinions on loyalty. Morally the position is simple — loyalty needs to be earned; it should not be merely the Establishment's defence against discovery of its own incompetence.

Yours faithfully, JOHN RAWLINGS, Wey House, Standford Lane, Headley, Bordon, Hampshire, August 13.

## Benefits of clergy

From Mr D. O. Bridgeman-Sutton  
Sir, Your leading article "Sons and sinners" (August 13) comments on an aspect of Church finance that is, unfortunately, studiously ignored when clergy incomes are discussed.

Help with unwise debts is by no means the limit of assistance to incumbents of the Church of England. Although no publicity is given to the matter, every clergyman of this status receives an allowance, well over £1,000 p.a., tax-free, to help with such items as heating and lighting. It is customary for those who have reached incumbent status (vicar, rector, etc) to continue to receive both stipend and house if they cease work, even if this is due to inability to manage the work. Retiring clergymen receive very substantial help, at very low cost, with the purchase of a house.

Such benefits, in total, are extremely valuable and, together with other kinds of help, extend the real income far beyond the nominal £8,000 per annum. At the higher levels bishops still live in almost medieval splendour.

Yours faithfully, DAVID BRIDGEMAN-SUTTON, 4 Clive Cottages, Dinham, Ludlow, Shropshire, August 13.

## Clerical update

From the Reverend Douglas McKittrick  
Sir, I was sorry to read that Mr Corneek (August 12) is at odds with clerical dress. According to Church of England Canon 27:

The apparel of a bishop, priest or deacon shall be suitable to his office; and save for purposes of recreation and other justifiable reasons, shall be such as to be a sign and mark of his holy calling and ministry...

Surely the black suit and clerical collar, besides expressing professionalism, does have another important function, namely that of distinguishing the clergyman from other members of the community.

One asks if this desire for more imaginative clerical dress is yet another example of the desire of some to see a more secular "trendy" Church? What we are, as priests, and what we wear is a response to the divine call itself.

Yours faithfully, DOUGLAS MCKITTRICK, St Stephen's Clergy House, 164 Bedford Street South, Liverpool, August 14.

suggested by Dr Leon Kamin, of Princeton University, was too strong to be rejected. Nothing that Professor Fletcher has stated, either in his letter to you or in his article in *The Sunday Telegraph*, leads me to revise that judgment.

In spite of the verdict to which I was forced to come, I remain an admirer of much of Burt's early work and I agree with Professor Fletcher that many of his views, both psychological and educational, were sound. The lapses in the last 30 years of his life, when he was tormented by indifferent health and biased critics, were a profound tragedy. Yours etc, LESLIE S. HEARNSHAW, 1 Devonshire Road, West Kirby, Wirral, August 13.

## Dangerous work in Gulf waters

From Vice-Admiral Sir Louis Le Bailly

Sir, The Armilla Patrol has been doing a very useful job for seven years and is now being reinforced to deal, as far as possible, with the difficult mining threat to British ships. This is an entirely different set of circumstances to sending minesweepers to assist an allied navy in escorting ships of rather doubtful parentage. The climatic conditions will be hard on both personnel and perhaps even more on delicate electronic equipment.

All violence is apt to be dangerous. But the old naval seamanship manual started with the words: "Remember that your vocation deliberately chosen is war. War as a means of peace, but still war..."

The provision of minesweepers will reduce the dangers to the royal and merchant navies. That is what the crews are paid and have trained for, and there can be no doubt that is what they will seek to achieve. Let us wish them luck. Yours etc, LOUIS LE BAILLY, Gardons House, St Tudy, Bodmin, Cornwall.

## ON THIS DAY

AUGUST 19 1987

The account below, based on Timothy Hackworth and the Locomotive, written by Robert Young, commemorated the centenary of Russia's first locomotive railway

## THE FIRST RUSSIAN RAILWAY

TROMBONES AND TAPERS

FROM A CORRESPONDENT

The first railway in Russia was opened from St. Petersburg to Tsarskoe-Selo on October 30, 1836, and to Pavlovsk — with locomotive haulage — on October 30, 1837. This was only seven years after the public inauguration of the Liverpool and Manchester line.

The Grand Duke Nicholas I of Russia had, while on a visit to England in 1816, seen one of Blenkinsop's locomotive steam engines working on the Leeds-Middleton Colliery Line. This type of engine, of which the first was tried in 1812, derived its motion from a central cog or toothed wheel which engaged with a rack forming part of the rail. Thus friction was not relied upon and the carrying wheels merely rolled and took no drive. Heavy loads were hauled and the system excited the future Tsar's interest. A model of one of the engines was sent out to him in Russia by the makers. His interest did not evaporate. Joseph Sanders, who took a leading part in the promotion of the earliest public railways in England, Scotland, and Ireland, and particularly of the Liverpool and Manchester Railway, mentions in a pamphlet dated October 6, 1824, "The Emperor of Russia has obtained a model of the Locomotive Engine, and at the present moment he has a professional agent investigating the Rail-roads in the north."

Eventually Nicholas I authorized the first line in Russia on April 27, 1836. Franz von Gerstner, who was born in Prague in 1795, was in Russia collecting information about railway prospects there, and in 1836 obtained the sanction for and surveyed the St. Petersburg to Pavlovsk line. Gerstner procured all his material for construction in England, and the first three locomotives were ordered from Timothy Hackworth, of Stockton and Darlington Railway fame, the firm of Robert Stephenson and Taylor and Co.

By order of the Emperor a set of instruments consisting of 11 trumpets and a trombone were arranged on the locomotive to give warning of the approach of the train...

The St. Petersburg line was opened for horse traction on October 30, 1836, because Hackworth's engine had not arrived, and the same day the following year saw the grand opening for a train drawn by a locomotive for the first time in Russian history. The engine was duly consecrated first. As Mr. Young states:

Water was obtained from a neighbouring bog or "stale" in a golden censer, and sanctified by immersions of a golden cross amid the chanting of choristers and intonations of priests, while a hundred lighted tapers were held round it. This was followed by the invocation of special blessings upon the Tsar and Imperial Family, and fervent supplications that on all occasions of travel by the new mode just inaugurated they might be well and safely conveyed. Then came the due Administration of the Ordinance by one priest hearing the holy censer, while a second, operating with a huge brush and dipping in the censer, dashed each wheel with the sign of the cross, with final copious showers all over the engine, of which John Hackworth was an involuntary partaker.

Locomotives were used only when over 40 passengers were to be carried. The trains stopped only at principal stations; platform wagons were open for the transport of passengers seated in their own carriages...

From Mr D. Edgar  
Sir, Or any times which are not at this moment in?  
Yours faithfully, D. EDGAR, 346 Grange Road, SE19, August 14.











## THE ARTS

## Reed it right

Ornette Coleman has spent most of his musical career refusing to be pinned down, although the jazz critic Martin Williams did chance across him one night producing a perfect reproduction of the style of an earlier alto saxophonist, the influential but — or so it had been thought — imitable Charlie Parker. "Charlie Parker has had many followers," Williams testified, "but none of them has come near this. Ornette had the attack on the reed just right." Williams asked Coleman why he didn't play like that more often, but Coleman just shrugged, as if to say it was too easy. Coleman is not one for doing things the easy way, it seems. When he first started playing people broke his instrument, and rhythm sections used to walk out.

It is hard to imagine this mild-mannered Texan provoking such fury. Now, of course, Coleman is a jazz institution.

## TELEVISION

as *Sounds of Surprise's Ornette: Made in America* (Channel 4) demonstrated. The programme revolved around his return home to Fort Worth after 25 years to be presented with the key to the city and to perform several relatively conventional sounding pieces, with an orchestra, at the opening of a new arts centre. Twenty years in the making, Shirley Clarke's film was at its best when offering a record of Coleman in performance. But when it tried to find a visual match for his inspired free-form playing, we left the realm of intuition for tedious post-Sixties psychia-

Coleman in conversation slithered around as much as his music, and was a lot less comprehensible, except when drinking and talking turkey with old associates back at Fort Worth. But why should a man pin himself down? He had wanted to be an architect, and admired Buckminster Fuller, whose domes are the constructed approximate of Coleman's music. Where next? Space, it would seem. There have been discussions with NASA. Space is probably quite appropriate for a man who, in the words of a colleague, produced music that was frightening in its implications and which forced everyone to learn a new discipline. Just when one was starting to wonder what on earth everyone was talking about and wishing they'd get back to the music, things came down again with a bump: tell me the castration story, Coleman was asked. "No," he said. "But I'll tell you a story about it." Evidently, it seemed, to eliminate any sexual feeling from his body, he decided to have himself castrated. The doctor talked him off the ledge, so to speak, and he ended up setting for circumcision. It didn't make much difference, he confessed.

Chris Pettit

## For punks of east and west

The Edinburgh Festival as a whole is dominated by the theme of *perestroika* in Soviet culture, and appropriately the International Film Festival brings the latest news of Soviet cinema.

The festival brochure, for a start, contains a remarkable essay by two American experts, Nancy Condee and Vladimir Padunov, which provides the most comprehensive and coherent summary to date of what has taken place in cinema since the watershed now identified as "Spring '86". They suggest that the radical reorganization of the cinema has to a large extent provided the model for the concurrent revolutions in literature, theatre, music and painting. To indicate the undiminished influence of the film they adduce the notable statistic that 58 per cent of the world's cinemas are in the Soviet Union.

Soviet delegates at the festival include Vadim Abdrashitov and Eldar Shengelaya, both of whom made films that were seminal harbingers of *glasnost*. Abdrashitov's *A Train Stopped* — released in 1983 only through the personal intervention of Mikhail Gorbachev — fiercely exposes the pervasive habit of sweeping uncomfortable truths

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under the carpet. Shengelaya's *The Blue Mountains* (1984) is an anarchic comedy about the corruption and incompetence of bureaucrats, which ends with the collapse of the very building that shelters them.

Soviet films are beginning to look honestly at young people and the way they think and act. Certainly Soviet punks seem to be vital young sceptics who would not doubt find themselves more in tune with Derek Jarman's *The Last of England* than many in the British audience to whom it is addressed. This is Jarman's apocalyptic vision of Britain here and now and 10 years after he defined our own punk era in *Jubilee*.

He summarizes his thesis with characteristic challenge: "In the imperial twilight minor Windsors and golden coaches wind through the streets masking panic in high places where the patriotic plots are hatched and appeals to Victorian values made: muscular Christianity, the family, education and sport — all things bright and beautiful. Behind the facade

the children of rock and roll dance to frantic decibels, now there is a disco at the end of each street; their names are the Jungle, the Sanctuary, the Crypt and Heaven..."

The mood is less facetious than *Jubilee*, and Jarman replaces the narrative form of that work with the more abstract expressionist manner of his video-based films such as *Angelic Conversation*. (*The Last of England* was mostly shot on video and subsequently transferred to film — a technique which Jarman has pioneered effectively.)

The images are unmistakably the visions of a painter, and often have a Baconian nightmare horror. The wastelands of industrial decline are peopled by tramps and junkies and policed by masked paramilitary figures. Jarman is haunted by the fear of the recurrent historical phenomenon, that moral bankruptcy and despair find a natural outlet in militaristic aggression. A royal infant is swaddled in copies of *The Sun* with the famous Falklands headlines.

Interact are idyllic images of English family life in secure and graceful pre-war years — they are in fact home movies of Jarman's own parents and grandparents between 1928 and the Second World War.



The visions of a painter, and often with a Baconian nightmare horror: a scene from Derek Jarman's *The Last of England*

But the idyll is ambivalent: Jarman's own violent reaction against militarism began, it seems, with his RAF father, who is last glimpsed, in 1940 Kodachrome, boarding his bomber.

The title has not much to do with Madox Brown, though Jarman pays homage with an image of civilians huddled in a stormy harbour seascape. It is a deep-felt and desperate outcry which will certainly succeed in angering the same people as *Jubilee* did. No doubt the Whitehouse warriors, frustrated because the film's elusive, impressionist

style affords them no fixed targets, will revive the verdict of the British Board of Film Censors on *The Seashell and the Clergyman*, 60 years ago: "The film is meaningless, but if it has a meaning it is doubtless objectionable".

Returning to the Soviet films, Abdrashitov's *Plumbum*, which I reviewed from the recent Moscow Festival, has a young hero in whom a Stalinist morality is still persistently ingrained. Yuri Podnik's remarkable documentary *Is It Easy To Be Young?* centres on the trial of a group of young vandals, and goes on

to consider the hopes and prospects of other youngsters, ranging from punks and a Mare Krishna devotee to dutiful young Komsomolists and disillusioned conscripts returning from Afghanistan.

Even more revealing was a programme of films made by students of the Moscow Film Institute. Two of them, R. Nugmanov's *Ab-Ha-Ha* and N. Chvorova's *One Long Step*, were about the youth culture represented by punks, hippies and their music.

Soviet punks (who gather symbolically on the steps of Mikhail Bulgakov's house in

Moscow) appear different from their western counterparts. The clothes and make-up may be the same, but instead of the resentful and apathetic faces we expect to find under Mohican *coiffures*, these kids are bright and eager and articulate. Their costumes are not clan uniforms as in the West, but on the contrary a declaration that they will conform without question as their parents and grandparents have done. Their music too goes with lyrics that are both aggressive and optimistic. They refuse to fear.

David Robinson

## Shrewd eye on a tragic future

## Troilus and Cressida King's Theatre

Thirty years after Brecht's death the Berliner Ensemble continues to come up with crisp, imaginative, seemingly simple and for the most part stark views of the classic repertoire. Brecht himself never produced this dark comedy, or thorough tragedy (the play notoriously slips out of easy classification), though he confessed that it held a burning fascination for him. As well it might, since it mocks the pretensions of the officer class, contains cynicism unmatched for bitterness elsewhere in Shakespeare, and includes Troilus's line, describing Helen, "What's aught but as 'his valued' that has the true Brechtian capacity to jolt the mind.

When Troilus discovers the line also describes his Cressida, this production is no more able than local endeavours to account for her inconstancy. Once upon a time the Ensemble style might have struggled off the problem by taking each of her scenes in isolation. Something of this is happening at the end of Manfred Wekwerth's production, but the earlier statements of devotion are given a detailed treatment that boldly signals their contents and keeps a clear eye on the future reversal. Corinna Harfouch

arranges herself and Troilus on opposite sides of the deep, grey stage, arms open like a pair of facing crucifixes, to swear their eternal vows. Her later attempt to repeat the gesture and recover the sentiment, unsuccessfully, is one of the production's tellingly direct suggestions of what feeling lies within words.

The white sheet, large as a sail, stretching down from the back of the stage, is another element repeated, many times, to bind the political and the emotional themes into one. Secured or twisted into different positions, it becomes a tent, a royal cloak, bedsheet, tinted blue with a projected crescent moon and scattered rose petals, it provides a stock romantic background. The moon even moves jerkily across it in a comic tribute to the rough theatrical trick of speeding time.

Martin Seifert's eager, nervy Troilus, with something of the quickness of our much-missed Ian Holm, and Hans-Peter Reincke's Hector stand out as relative goodies against the pack of schoolboy creeps and bullies. Most sinister of them is the pitilessly tugging Achilles of Peter Bause, a great carrot-haired pansy George IV strutting the stage like a cheap vainglorious god, a nightmare image of man gone rotten.



Thersites and Ajax: the fine Ekkehard Schall (right), Alejandro Quintana

The admirable Ekkehard Schall (to be seen later this week as Azdak in *The Caucasian Chalk Circle*) uses a false stammer to convey Thersites's contempt for men and Menelaus alike. Perhaps this play on words comes by chance. Wekwerth's own translation into swift contemporary German makes the "princes argu-

lous" and "Winchester geese" of the original text sound very odd as they come piping through the simultaneous translators. My advice is to read the play beforehand and switch on the translators only to get an occasional bearing.

Jeremy Kingston

## Court drama

## Perdition Lyceum Studio

So the cat is finally out of the bag. Jim Allen's much-travelled play *Perdition* has found a home at the Lyceum Studio in Edinburgh thanks to the personal commitment of Scotland's national dramatist, Tom McGrath. On Monday night, accompanied by a modest television camera and a few television cameras inside, it received its first public staged reading which, since it has a straightforward courtroom setting, is close enough to a full-scale performance to give a fair indication of its qualities as a piece of drama.

It should be stated, however, that almost an hour of the full play had to be left out to fit the time available.

The setting is a libel action in the Sixties in which a Hungarian Jew is suing a young Israeli researcher over a pamphlet she has written. The drift of the allegation is that Miklos Yaron, a member of the Central Jewish Council established by Eichmann in Budapest in 1944, collaborated with the Nazis in rounding up Jews and loading them on to the trains bound for the

camp. That there was an element of co-operation is apparently beyond doubt.

Collaboration is a stronger word but Ruth Caplan, the pamphlet's author in the play, goes even further, arguing that the Zionist movement of which Yaron was a member actively assisted the Nazis by, among other things, "not releasing details of what was happening in the camps to their communities and not encouraging any resistance. The percentage for the Zionists was another step towards establishing the State of Israel."

As it happens, I am a sucker for the natural drama of the courtroom, and when the subject-matter is as explosive as this, it is irresistible. I am not qualified to pass judgement on the accuracy of Mr Allen's research, but the lawyers invite the audience to be the jury. Despite Miss Caplan's lawyer getting all the best lines (the seeds incidentally of a good performance from David Calder) the evidence points more to bad judgement or perhaps an inability to comprehend the full horror of the Nazi machine than to anything more sinister.

Robert Dawson Scott

## PROMENADE CONCERT

## LMP/Glover Albert Hall/Radio 3

It may not, in this case, have lent itself to staging, and it may not have called forth the starkest casting, but Aaron Copland's *Appalachian Spring* certainly made quite a mark at this year's Terpsichorean Proms. The music of dance offered the perfect excuse to present the shimmered-down suite. A mere 13 of the London Mozart Players recreated Copland's original instrumentation; and, although the Albert Hall scarcely justified it spatially, the downscaling did not for once induce the sensation of looking through the wrong end of a telescope.

This was partly thanks to Jane Glover's clear thinking and unobtrusive direction and largely to the fine line-up of wind soloists her band now boasts. The quality of those long, slow-wakening arpeggios, and the start of the "pioneer celebration" and the homespun vigour of their acceleration into dance: it was all most thoughtfully played by Philippa Davies's flute, John Whitworth's bassoon

and Angela Malsbury's clarinet. It brought a breath of the great outdoors at the end of a long, claustrophobically humid evening.

At the beginning Copland had been nicely marched with Milhaud's *La Création du monde*, a far more sultry affair, and no less imaginatively prepared by the LMP and by Jonathan Hinden, whose piano-playing was a delight in both performances.

The piano really came into its own at the evening's centre. Stephen Hough, who is very much liked on the other side of the Atlantic, has been sparing recently with his appearances in England. Our loss in one way; but the chance to be pleasantly surprised each time by his continuing development is a happy one.

He is growing into a fine Mozartian, and there can scarcely be a better way to grow. His K449 Concerto showed his decision-making to have grown more confident, his fingerwork to have retained its ability to coax a sweet, bell-like resonance from each note. In reply to the orchestra's lightly suspended legato in the slow movement, Hough offered an unbroken legato of thought, with each phrase most sensitively nurtured and motivated.

Hilary Finch

## THEATRE IN LONDON

## Mary Rose Greenwich

This co-production between Greenwich and the Watford Palace Theatre begins by setting your teeth on edge and ends by putting you under a spell. That often is the case with Barrie's plays, but not always with this one, of which I retain some distinctly sickly memories.

The fable of a child bride who vanishes on a Scottish island and then reappears untouched by time when her family is old and grey, it can come over as the kind of English infantilism that made Dorothy Parker "frow" except, of course, that one of his achievements was to implant Celtic magic in the most solid Home Counties settings. Another was his power to explore intensely private obsessions within the reassuring framework of the well-made play.

Matthew Francis's production gets off to a shaky start with an off-stage voice reading the stage directions for a dust-sheeted room we can see for ourselves; and then brings on Chris Humphreys's Harry in a bushwhacker hat to exchange creaking Australian backchat with the stony housekeeper. He is then left alone with his reveries; sunlight bursts through the shutters of Bunny Christie's set, and the cheerful Morland family assemble — making Barrie's point that anywhere else in time or space is better than the desolate present.

However sentimental the idea, theatrically it takes off into comedy, showing trivial squabbles between old friends and a parental interview with Mary Rose's gaudy young man. Patrick Pearson plays



Barrie's young lovers: Amanda Waring and Patrick Pearson

him as a braying public-school jackass, who may enjoy cushion-fights with his intended but also gives clear signals of the masterfully bone-headed spouse to come.

Perhaps Barrie's plotting is at fault in allowing him to take Mary back to the island when he has been warned against it, and then wander off leaving her to vanish. But it is no surprise to find Mr Pearson's character doing this, especially after we have seen his gentlemanly snubs rebounding from a ghille who knows Greek as well as the best way of cooking trout. In this role, the gently courteous Neil Duncan offers a delicious Hebridean variation on the Admirable Crichton.

When we meet the family after 25 years of bereavement they are as jolly as ever: the same squabbles, the same round of small pleasures, life goes on, and the dead reappears from the living. Nothing in the production strikes home with more truth than the moment

Donald Cooper

of Mary's return to an awkward silence and offers of cups of tea, transmitting the unspoken wish that she had never come back.

As Harry puts it, in the extraordinary final scene where he confronts her — man to ghost — with a string of down-to-earth questions about social life in the beyond, she has "made herself a ghost by coming back". Amanda Waring's entrance in this scene delivers a violent supernatural shock; but her performance, as in previous scenes, is anything but uncaring. She may engender a sense of loss in those she leaves behind, but she herself is a figure robust as Peter Pan, belonging somewhere else.

At the return of a housekeeper after a supposed interval of 10 minutes, we realize that Barrie has been playing the same trick on the audience as the island played on the heroine's family.

Irving Wardle

## Peace leaps the Wall

## BRITTEN IN GERMANY

## Stephen Pottitt at an historic musical occasion

Two years ago Alan Fluck and Michael Jenne, joint chairmen of the World Orchestra of the International Federation of the Jeunesses Musicales, were fired by an audacious idea. For 1987, they had already decided to base the activities of their orchestra in West Berlin, to coincide with the city's 750th anniversary celebrations. Why not, they asked themselves, stage a publicly pacifistic gesture and choose Britten's *War Requiem* as the year's major work? Their idealism led to another outrageously imaginative leap. Why not perform the work in both West and East Berlin?

But the East Berlin authorities would probably have to be offered some sort of carrot if they were to embrace such a proposal. The chance to televise the concert live from the recently-restored Schauspielhaus, and of being seen to co-operate magnanimously, for the first time, with West German television in a simultaneous transmission proved enough. The East Germans agreed, and thus the stage was set for an historic event, moreover the only one that the eastern and western sectors of the city plan to share throughout the celebrations. The Jeunesses Musicales duly set about raising the necessary money. For the large British contingent there was no problem, thanks to the British Council, who gave backing to 10 orchestral players, the conductor Jeffrey Tate, his assistant Grant Llewellyn, and the tenor Robert Tear. Some participants had no such support. The Australians simply had to pay their own way.

During its stay, the orchestra was based at Jagdschloss, Glienicke, just over the lake from East Germany Potsdam, there the Wall literally forms part of the garden fence, and the eerie presence of barbed wire, watch-towers

and barking dogs close by ensured that the significance of what was going on could not have been lost on anyone. The choice of choir and soloists gave the performances an additional sense of moment. The only black faces to be seen in either the West's Philharmonie or the East's Schauspielhaus were those of the Harlem Boys' Choir, complementing the sturdy voices of the Wiener Jeunesses-Chor. The soloists were to be Carol Vaness from the United States, Tear and Dietrich Fischer-Dieskau, one of the trio who took part in the first performance of the *War Requiem* in the new Coventry Cathedral in 1962. Fischer-Dieskau, as it turned out, was ill, but he sent a young deputy, Andreas Schmidt, very much in his own mould. Schmidt is also a West Berliner, which fact explained the delay of his arrival at the Schauspielhaus dress rehearsal. At Checkpoint Charlie there are no West Berliners in a hurry.

The East may have chosen to overlook the fact that the Schauspielhaus performance coincided almost exactly with the 26th anniversary of the erection of the Wall, in 1961, actually wrote his *Requiem*, and the day before the eastern demonstrations on both sides of the Brandenburg Gate. No demonstration, outside, though, could have contained more power than the one so eloquently staged in the concert hall.

Tate elicited a reading of shattering intensity, and the soloists, and indeed all the performers, responded as if acutely conscious of the need to make the most of this opportunity. Vaness, harsh of tone yet without Vishnevskaya's wide vibrato, chilled us with her "Liber scriptus", melted us with her "Lachrimosa" and moved us with her gentle "Benedictus". While Tear sang his Owen settings with a direct emotionalism that cut to the core, also finding something extra in the voice which I have not encountered before. Schmidt's singing in the tragic, reconciliatory "Strange Meeting" had of course a special significance here. The audience's response was at least as moving. A stunned silence grew gently into an applause which continued to gather in power even when the orchestra had left the platform, not stopping until a quarter of an hour after Tate had laid his baton down.

Almost inevitably the following night's performance at the Philharmonie could not re-create quite the same breath-held atmosphere, and it was evident that some among the audience were not as closely attentive as they might have been. Yet if anything this reading was technically superior, benefiting from the hall's famously balanced acoustics. Vaness, Tear and Schmidt again delivered powerful performances, and one could appreciate the virtuosity of the chamber orchestra which the Schauspielhaus's resonance had, masked. Once more, though, the response was rapturous and prolonged.

One can only hope that among the people so obviously moved by these musicians and by this music were those responsible for the perpetuation of the divide.

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## WEDNESDAY PAGE

# 'I'm not that interested in the high-achieving woman. She will usually get there anyway, providing she has health and strength'

**A Labour government would make Jo Richardson Britain's first Minister for Women. But what kind of women does she think she would be ministering for? Libby Purves reports**

Jo Richardson, they warned me, is a very forbidding lady. Tough. One former lobby correspondent went so far as to describe her as "terrifying". I strove to take all this with a pinch of salt. After all, men love to assert that women with power are unnaturally tough and loud and heartless: and power, or at least the shadow of it, is certainly beginning to cling around Jo Richardson. If Labour should win the next election, her power would suddenly become very real: she would head the country's first ever Ministry for Women.

In the event, I found her in a subdued, friendly and reflective frame of mind, working alone through the recesses in the gothic gloom of a semi-deserted House of Commons. She is slightly formidable to meet: a strong-looking woman of 63, who looks at you piercingly through horn-rimmed glasses, and has a stubborn set to her mouth when she stops smiling. She dresses conventionally, but without any anxious preoccupation: you could not imagine her plumping out dress-bows at night with tissue-paper the way the Prime Minister does. "I wish Mrs Thatcher's mask would sometimes slip. Even a ladder in her teeth," she murmurs with a rare, rather endearing flash of bitchiness.

Miss Richardson looks, in short, like everyone's spinster aunt. A kind aunt, the sort who would knit you something, but

also the sort whose sheer force of personality would ensure that you then wore it. (She does, in fact, knit, and "wished she dared" bring her knitting into the House of Commons). I liked her straight away, but could quite see why the lobby correspondent had felt terror. And, on reflection, the gift of inspiring awe is one which she is going to need if Labour wins the next election: the position of Britain's first ever Minister for Women, balancing between the demands of a dozen vociferous women's lobbies and exerting influence inside as many reluctant government departments, is going to be no job for a shrinking violet.

Jo Richardson is a seasoned warhorse of politics: she may not have won her parliamentary seat until she was 50 but she had worked in local government and in the Labour Party for three decades, and fought four hard battles in unenviable seats. Although she would like to see more women in Parliament, she is not a fan of the campaigning 300 Group. "They seem to think politics is all about procedure and public speaking. They underestimate the time and sheer graft of being involved in a party."

She joined Labour straight after the war; she got a job as secretary to the Labour MP Ian Mikardo, and has been a party worker ever since. It was not her first ambition: she had a "highly romantic" desire to be a newspaper reporter, but the war thwarted it. Similarly, she had a brief period of yearning for the



Jo Richardson: in 13 years her name has rarely appeared in a newspaper without the word 'fight' near it

stage. Journalism and acting are both, I suggested, ways in which basically shy people cover their identities and adopt a safe disguise: so, she agreed, is politics. "I am actually very shy. That may be why you say people find me tough."

In her 13 years as an MP, her name has rarely appeared in a newspaper without the word "fight" somewhere near it: apart from the abortion campaign (not her favourite issue) she won a significant strengthening of the

laws on wife-battering, and has lobbied and picketed with passion on women's and family issues. She is not one of the extreme, mystical tendency of feminists, the much-debated "wimmin"; nor is she a Hampstead intellectual socialist. The heartland of her feminism is among the poorer women of her own constituency in Barking. We come back to the image of an aunt: of formidable, pragmatic common sense. Despite the party image-makers' current preoccupation with attracting successful women

to Labour, the problems of the high-flying, nanny-employing classes are not Miss Richardson's most burning concern. "I'm not all that interested in the high-achieving woman. She will usually get there anyway, providing she has health and strength."

"I'm concerned about all the women, with expertise and wisdom, who never get to first base. They're poor, they've got kids, they're struggling to hold on to a low-paid, part-time job; their lives are drudgery — and there are mil-

lions of them. Most of them never have a moment even to listen to music, to go to a film, to think: some of my constituents are women who hardly have time to breathe. I just want the government to create some support for them. They have a lot to offer."

Her support for the rights of lesbians in child custody cases, for workplace creches, nurseries, and NHS abortions, have laid her open to charges of disregarding the importance of the family: it is a charge she hotly denies.

"I am in favour of families. But the conventional family — man with wholly dependent wife and children — is only 5 per cent of the population. Wives earn, and a great many are affected by divorce. A family these days can be made up of different sorts of people. If government has a role to play, it is to ensure that members of a family can feel a certain independence from each other, as their own person."

She has remained her own person in the surest way available to her generation: she never married. Her memories of her own family life as a child, in Newcastle and Southend, are happy enough: "I had one brother and one sister. My father was a draper, a commercial traveller who went off selling ribbons and things. He was a very religious man, a Methodist, and a Liberal — he stood once, in Darlington. We all went to church three times on Sundays from babyhood. My mother was always a very nice, decent, strong woman, but she seemed to come into her own after he died. I was very close to her. We were friends. She died in 1958, and I still miss her."

On her own spinsterhood, she says candidly: "I do sometimes look with envy at contentedly married people. But I didn't want housewifery. . . and although I've always had men friends, and still have, I was so absorbed in

politics that perhaps the opportunity never arose. Or perhaps nobody ever asked me. That's what I say." Without domestic preoccupations of her own, she finds that constituents' problems haunt her. "I try not to let them. But I wake up at night thinking of some women's struggles."

Her Ministry for Women would certainly set sparks flying. It would be based in the Cabinet Office, and have regional units ("friendly places") and departments inside other ministries, monitoring and reporting and generally — her word — "interfering" with policy from the point of view of what women want (although she is only too aware that even within the Labour Party, there are many different views on precisely what that might be. If women seemed embarrassingly to want, for instance, to hang child murderers (she would rather persuade them otherwise). Under the proposed system, not only Housing, Health, Transport and Employment would feel the iron hand of the Women's Ministry, but also such traditionally male areas as Defence, Industry, and the Foreign Office. I sketched a scenario in which, for instance, the Women's Ministry disapproved of a friendly nation's attitude to the human rights of women citizens: would the FO be pressed about this? "Oh yes. Certainly."

Mischievously, I proposed another scenario: in which the victorious Neil Kinnock became grandly prime ministerial and said to his new Ministry, "Run along girls, we've got some more important things to sort out first". Jo Richardson was amused. "Well, Neil genuinely is committed to listen to women, and would generally fight on my side. But yes, I can envisage that situation. Men don't listen enough to women. They do say there are more important things. But I would most certainly fight my corner. Oh yes."

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## Can intensive and expensive interior design courses equip students for business success?

With an unprecedented boom in glossy magazines dedicated to the refurbishment and renovation of every kind of residence (which are devoted so lustily that they have been described as "the pornography of the Eighties"), there is no doubt that we have become a nation of armchair interior designers. Women who might never have given a moment's thought to the question of Venetian versus Roman blinds or the relative merits of rag-rolling and marbling 10 years ago, now wish to inhabit chic, "designed" homes.

As a career, interior decorating has great allure; it can usually be organised in a flourishing. However, a penchant for measuring in and out of Pimlico shops on a leisurely pilgrimage for the consummate chintz, or the knack of tracking down the perfect light-switch, will not furnish you with the appropriate qualifications to undertake the task of designing the interior of anyone's home but your own. Although, as Amanda Incebold of the Incebold School of Design (founded in 1960) explains, "there are people who set themselves up without any training at all". The Incebold is still the benchmark by which interior design courses are measured and it offers the only private one-year course available in the United Kingdom, as well as 10-week or shorter courses.

Most of the one-year students are women in their early twenties, but "bored Sloanes" are weeded out by a strict selection procedure. Some of the most committed students prove to be "women planning a new career, in their mid-thirties or early forties, who are also running a home, possibly commuting. I don't know how they manage. Perhaps motherhood is an ideal preparation for all the hard work."

Intensive and expensive (a



Enriqueta in her bath drawing room: business know-how means more than a way with colour

## Designing women

one-year course costs £5,757 plus VAT; 10 weeks cost £1,435, plus registration fees), the courses include business elements such as balancing the books. "I'm trying to prepare students for the cold, cold world out there," explains David Prestage, the director of design studies. The diploma, issued if the required standard is reached, is no passport to riches. Miss Incebold recalls that last year, one star student was offered a "job" by a leading design practice with the proviso that she was unpaid; another's starting salary was £4,000 per year. "I tell them to take it, whatever the pay, just to get a foot in the door."

The short courses have a smaller percentage of students intending to pursue a full-time design career. "Some just come to learn how to do up their houses — more pro-

fessionally and save money." They will all pick up tricks of the trade and finishing touches such as disguising unsightly radiators, the subtleties of soft furnishings and expert lighting techniques. It is unlikely that you would find bare bulbs dangling from the Incebold graduate's ceiling.

Enriqueta, a design consultant, founded her business empire in 1972, co-ordinating people's interiors from the back of a van. She has now opened her own school in Bath, offering a three-week course for novices or established interior designers who wish to learn more about the business aspects of their career. This, she insists, "is even more important than having a clever way with colour. Learning how to reject cowboy con-

tractors and charge adequately for your services can be the key to a designer's success. Too few 'cost' in their own time, charging only for materials. Then they wonder why they don't make any money."

For the most part, the women prepared to invest £1,229 (plus the cost of accommodation in Bath) for the courses are in their thirties. (This summer's course, however, was broken up into three one-week units which could be taken separately, to allow for children's school holidays). "I expected lots of dabblers but so far, everyone's been in deadly earnest."

An Enriqueta diploma confirms only that a student attended the course, which features a punishing schedule with 30 lectures, a design project and visits to historic buildings. They will also learn

about what can be achieved on a shoestring budget, by "cheating" with paint finishes, and so on. "It is an exhausting schedule. But they seem to go home fired up. I think the course might prove a bit of a marriage-wrecker. Some husbands pack their wives off for three weeks of peace, then find that the woman who returns is full of enthusiasm to start her own business." To help solve the problem of trade accounts (designers are often unable to buy materials until they have a proven track record) Enriqueta offers a buying service to her students for one year after their course.

A similar facility is available to graduates of Jenny Gibbs's KLC (formerly Kensington Leisure Courses); as well as instructing students on how to create illusions (with mirrors, plants, artefacts), the one-month course concentrates on measuring and surveying rooms. "You'd be surprised to discover how many established designers can't even draw up a plan," she reveals. Not all students pay the £800 (plus VAT) fee themselves; the last intake included a YTS trainee from Wales, sponsored by her local authority. But the brochure warns that only those with the greatest determination and stamina need apply.

KLC was also, initially, the innovator of short, workshop courses in techniques such as stencilling and marbling. "What we aim to do," explains Miss Gibbs, "is instil in the average woman that she, too, can have a co-ordinated look in her home — and learn to create those effects for other people. We want to dispel the image once and for all that to be interested in interior design you must either be extremely rich or frightfully smart. There is more to it than a flair for colour, a pile of House & Gardens and a stippling brush."

Josephine Fairley

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## BRIEFLY

A round-up of news, views and information

### Fathers on call

Elusive expectant fathers now have no excuse to miss the big moment. British Telecom Mobile Telephones can offer peace of mind with a temporary radio-paging service (£5 a day, £15 a week or £45 for a month — they recommend hiring a car before the baby is due), which alerts the prospective father anywhere in the UK to phone home to make a dash for the hospital. Telecom's spokesman Kevin Taylor (presently awaiting just such a call himself) reveals that, for a little extra, "fathers can rent one which can flash a message — like 'you're too late, it's a boy'." For more details call 0800 222666.

### Good bear guide

International arctophiles (teddy bear fanatics, to the rest of us) are now prepared to pay up to £3,800 for teddy bears produced at the beginning of the century. Few people remain immune to teddy's charms, and the compilers of a new UK *Teddy Bear Guide* would like to hear from shops, museums, manufacturers, repairers and sup-

pliers of bear components for their quintessential ursine opus to be published in October. "We've always been a nation of bear lovers," Glenn Jackman, the guide's editor, explains. "In 1912, two million bears were sold in Britain alone." Alas, for anyone who hopes that the old toy-cupboard may provide a fortune, few remain in sufficiently immaculate condition to command big money. "Those that are, were probably loved from afar." For a listing or more information, contact Huggles, PO Box 290, Brighton BN2 1DR (0273 697974).

### Quote me . . .



"Children really can't go on blaming their parents for things. Mostly parents try their hardest and then I reckon it's up to the children to have the responsibility to disentangle themselves. All I hope about my children is that they like me as a pal after the mother part of things isn't needed any more."

Mavis Nicholson

### Award applause

The 800-strong group Women in Management believes that following a spate of awards for successful women, it is time for the companies who gave them a break to be acknowledged. So they have launched an award, sponsored by American Express, for employers who offer women on their staff truly equal opportunities. Valerie Boakes, WIM's former chairman and a director of Whitworth's Sugars, conceived the scheme "to highlight those companies who are practising what we preached — and to remind the rest that we still have a long way to go". Women wishing to nominate their employers can obtain entry forms from WIM at 64 Marryat Road, London SW19 (01-946 1238).

### Small wonders

While corset makers anticipate a post-Madonna boom, the inaugural exhibition at Exeter's Rougemont House Museum of Costume and Lace this Saturday is offering a timely display of original underpinnings. Such fashion familiars as bustles, net petticoats, waspies and the ubiquitous shoulder-pads are all on display in the museum's new Castle Street premises, along with the bus-bodies, designed to give a monobosom effect. Sharn Matthews, the curator, believes that the exhibition "should make women visitors eternally grateful for the unprecedented comfort of their 1987 undies".

## Save your energy and stay at home

It took me about a minute and a half to plan our family holiday this year. No mounds of brochures, ferry timetables or gruesome insurance documents this time: we are staying at home. We are going to eat beefburgers and chips every day for a fortnight; we are going to have scripted arguments about who left the soap in the bath, and choreographed fights about whose turn it is to clean out the hamster. I have finally faced up to an unpalatable truth: namely, that eating chips, arguing and fighting is all children really want to do anyway; so why take them hundreds of miles, at great expense, to do so?

I have also realized after many years of coexistence that children are both immune to

culture, and utterly conservative. The adult version of our last summer holiday is of fascinating places and interesting people. So what do the children write on their postcards home?

"Dear Nanna, I was sick on the boat. The camp-site has a funny toilet with just a hole. We saw 25 Rolls-Royces in Cannes. I hope the hamster isn't dead."

In vain we point out the magnificent views on the long haul south. Who cares about vineyards, fields of sunflowers, vast dried-up river beds, strange rock formations (all with accompanying parental explanation)? What is really absorbing is the odd behaviour of a fly on Sophie's sandal. "This could be the oldest squeak in the entire world," we yell. "Look, it's rubbing its

back legs over its ears," comes the excited reply from the back seat.

Castles, gorges, museums, open air theatres come and go. Candyfloss remains, along with television in someone's caravan and mangy looking cats: these are reported on and become a permanent and shaming record of our children's upbringing.

Last week a trip to London bit the dust in much the same way. This was our smallest daughter's first "proper" train ride, but what was she really

interested in? The fact that her sister was taking up ever so slightly more than half of the seat, of course. In the National Gallery, with the artistic delights of the world before us, what were we looking for? "That one with the head chopped off — you know — all blood coming out . . ." Well, we found Anne Boleyn about to be beheaded and a very tasteful arrangement of John the Baptist's head on a plate. But so, the children were sure that in the one they had in mind, the head had rolled away somewhere and what we were seeking was more of an empty kind of neck. The attendants were perplexed. In desperation we tried the vast selection of postcards. Ah, at last. But what's this? Only the sample copy remains, glued to an empty pigeonhole. Postcards

of Renoirs, Vermeers, Michel-angelos are stacked untouched. Could it be that the entire stock of empty necks is in the hands of juveniles, pinned to bedroom walls throughout the land, vying with My Little Pony stickers for pride of place? The thought is disconcerting.

On to the sights of the metropolis — all explained and made interesting by our carefully chosen library books. A fascinating day, we think. In the evening sun in Trafalgar Square, it is time to write daffodil postcards. "Dear Nanna, We are in London and all these pigeons sat on my head and ate my sandwiches and we tried to see the painting without a head but the pigeons are best of all love Sophie." So much for culture.

### FIRST PERSON

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## BBC1

- 6.00 **Ceefax AM**.  
6.35 **Edgar Kennedy in Fool**. Coverage (b/w). 6.55 **Weather**.  
7.00 **Breakfast Time** with Frank Rough, Sally Magnusson, Jeremy Paxman and Pamela Armstrong. Includes national and international news at 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, and 8.30; regional news and travel reports at 7.15, 7.45 and 8.15; weather at 7.25, 7.55 and 8.25.  
8.35 **The Pink Panther Show**. Cartoons (r). 8.55 **Regional news and weather**.  
9.00 **News and weather**. 9.05 **Children's BBC Magazine** programme introduced by Simon Pegg, starts with Charlie Brown cartoon (r). 9.30 **Heartbeat** with Tony Hart, Joanne Kirk and Zippo and Company do some adding and subtracting (r).  
10.00 **News and weather**. 10.05 **Neighbours** (r). 10.25 **Play School** with guest Andrew Scrimshaw (r). Followed by **The Panto** (r). 10.55 **Five To Eleven**. The pupils of Twyford Church of England High School.  
11.00 **News and weather**. 11.05 **Zone's Fighting Legion** (b/w). Part five of the offbeat adventure serial. 11.35 **Video Active**. Guidance for video-makers (r).  
12.00 **News and weather**. 12.05 **Deafies**. Where there's a will, JR will find a way (r). 12.55 **Regional News and weather**.  
1.00 **One O'Clock News** with Philip Hayton. 1.35 **Neighbours**. Shane destroys his little black book, and Midge starts knitting.  
1.50 **Film: Stage Fright** (1950, b/w). Alfred Hitchcock directs Marlene Dietrich, Richard Todd and Alastair Sim in this thriller about a musical comedy star whose husband is murdered.  
3.35 **Bugs Bunny**. 3.45 **Gardeners' Direct Line**. Help in your gardening problems to the green-

## BBC2

- 6.55 **Open University: Education** - Taking the initiative. Ends at 7.30.  
9.00 **Ceefax**. 1.20 **The Plumpie** (r). 1.35 **Ceefax**.  
3.00 **News and weather**, followed by **Only A Game**. William McGivern continues the story of Scottish football.  
3.55 **News and weather**, followed by **Regional News and Weather**.  
4.00 **Film: Annabel Taylor** (1986, b/w). Lucille Ball stars as the scatterbrained actress whose countrywide publicity tour results in comic disaster. Directed by Lew Landau.  
5.05 **Collier's**. 5.15 **News**.  
5.30 **One Village in China**. Last of three films about the Chinese countryside (r).  
6.00 **Film: Love Me Tender** (1956, b/w). Elvis Presley makes his film debut in this story of brotherly conflict during the last days of the Civil War. With Robert D. Webb. Directed by Robert D. Webb.  
7.30 **Open Space**. An exploration of the arguments for and against the ordination of women.  
8.00 **QED: The Invisible Killer**. Investigation into the problems the Montgomerys are

- experiencing with their cattle as a result of chemical pollution caused by the incineration of municipal or hazardous waste in the area (Ceefax).  
8.30 **Wembley Showcase**. 24 hours in the life of the Great Barrier Reef as recorded by Australian cameraman, Ben Cropp. (Ceefax).  
9.00 **International Athletics**. Coverage of the Weltklasse meeting in Zurich.  
9.30 **Screenplay Firsts**. See you at Wembley Frankie Walsh. Mike Herman's comedy short about an earnest supporter of Hull City FC, whose proposed wedding date clashes with his team playing in the Cup semi-finals.  
10.00 **Eddie Brooks**. First part of a concert recorded at the NEC, Birmingham.  
10.40 **Newsnight**. 11.55 **Weather**.  
11.30 **International Athletics**. Further coverage of the Weltklasse meeting in Zurich. Plus a report on the Pan American games in Indianapolis.  
12.10 **Open University: Energy from waste**. 12.35 **Genes** - goals and supergoals. Ends at 1.05.

## ITV/LONDON

- 8.00 **TV-am** presented by Caroline Righton and Richard Kays. News at 8.00 and 8.30; financial news at 8.55; sport at 8.40; and awards at 8.55.  
7.00 **Good Morning Britain** introduced by Kay Burley and Richard Kays. News at 7.00, 7.30, 8.00 and 8.30; cartoon at 7.25; sport at 7.40; pop music at 7.55.  
8.35 **Wecadey** with Timmy Mallett and Michaela Strachan.  
9.25 **Thames News headlines**.  
9.30 **Which Way?** 10.30 **University Challenge**. University of Bradford v University of Exeter. 11.00 **The Giddy Game Show** (r). 11.10 **Alto** (r).  
11.25 **Thames News headlines**.  
11.30 **Tomorrow Talking**. Sixth formers talk about their hopes and fears.  
12.00 **The Sullivan**.  
12.30 **ITN News**. 12.50 **Thames News**.  
1.00 **A Country Practice**. Medical drama series.  
2.00 **Password**. Word association game hosted by Gordon Burns.  
2.30 **Dining in France**. Georges Blanc's restaurant in Vonnies (r).  
3.00 **Take the High Road**.  
3.25 **Thames News headlines**. 3.30 **Sons and Daughters**.  
4.00 **Thomas the Tank Engine and Friends**. Narrated by Ringo Starr (r). 4.10 **Bill the Mole**.  
4.15 **Cartoon**.  
4.30 **Video and Chips** examines machines that make music. With guests Paul Hardcastle and Bill Bragg. 4.45 **Denise**.  
4.50 **Hold Tight** (1950, b/w). With Cliff Richard, Tony Martin and the Man from Del Monte. 5.15 **Adventure**. Adventure serial with Oliver Tobias. (Part one).  
5.45 **News (Oracle)**.  
6.00 **Thames News**.  
6.25 **What's It Worth**. Consumer advice with Penny Junor and David Stafford.

## CHANNEL 4

- 2.15 **Channel 4 Racing** from York includes the Great Voltigeur Stakes (2.30), Totte-Ebor (3.10), Scottish Equitable Gimcrack Stakes (3.45) and Andy Capp Handicap (4.15). Race commentator is Graham Good.  
4.30 **Countdown**. Today's challenger is John Brooks from Canterbury, Kent.  
5.00 **Cartoon**. Cartoon introduced by Ray Alan and Lord Charles.  
5.30 **A Dream of Jeannie**. Vintage American sitcom series starring Barbara Eden as the mischievous Jeannie and Larry Hagman as the long-suffering astronaut, Major Tony Nelson.  
6.00 **My World and Welcome to It**. Film and animation based on the works of the American surrealist, James Thurber.  
6.30 **The Dragon Has Two Tongues**. Part ten of the series on the history of Wales and the Welsh presented by Wynford Vaughan-Thomas and Gwyn Williams. Examines the period from 1832 to 1880 (Oracle).  
7.00 **Channel 4 News** with Peter Sissons and Nicholas Owen.

- 7.50 **Comment**. Professor Michael Dummett expresses his opinion about Britain's immigration policy. Followed by weather.  
8.00 **The Home Service**. Judith Chalmers, Andy Craig and Simon Gold report on the perils of English thatched cottages, the easiest way to move house and how to revamp your kitchen.  
8.30 **International Athletics**. Live coverage of the Zurich Grand Prix.  
9.30 **People to People**. The Poacher. An examination of the ways in which the gamekeeper and the poacher spend the summer preparing for the start of the shooting season in October. Although divided by conflict, they share a rural way of life they would not wish to lose (Oracle).  
10.10 **Partition**. (see Choice).  
11.40 **The Sword of Islam**. First of a two-part documentary about the rise and spread of Islam, the world's fastest-growing religion, which attempts to explain why some of its followers are prepared to kill, kidnap, fight and die in the name of Islam (r) Ends 12.40.

## VARIATIONS

- 1.00 **News** 3.00-3.30 Ten Green Bottles 4.35-4.45 As No Questions Asked 6.00-6.05 Inside Tonight 12.55-12.59 News, Ceefax.  
**GRANADA** As London ex-cept 12.00-12.30pm California Highway 12.30-12.35pm Reports 1.00-2.00 The Outsiders 3.30-4.00 Young Doctors 6.00-6.05pm Reports 6.35 The 11th Hour 8.30-7.00 Crossroads 12.55-12.59 News, Ceefax.  
**HTV WEST** As London ex-cept 12.00-12.30pm Gardening Time 12.30-12.35pm News 1.00-1.05pm News 1.05-1.10pm News 1.10-1.15pm News 1.15-1.20pm News 1.20-1.25pm News 1.25-1.30pm News 1.30-1.35pm News 1.35-1.40pm News 1.40-1.45pm News 1.45-1.50pm News 1.50-1.55pm News 1.55-2.00pm News 2.00-2.05pm News 2.05-2.10pm News 2.10-2.15pm News 2.15-2.20pm News 2.20-2.25pm News 2.25-2.30pm News 2.30-2.35pm News 2.35-2.40pm News 2.40-2.45pm News 2.45-2.50pm News 2.50-2.55pm News 2.55-3.00pm News 3.00-3.05pm News 3.05-3.10pm News 3.10-3.15pm News 3.15-3.20pm News 3.20-3.25pm News 3.25-3.30pm News 3.30-3.35pm News 3.35-3.40pm News 3.40-3.45pm News 3.45-3.50pm News 3.50-3.55pm News 3.55-4.00pm News 4.00-4.05pm News 4.05-4.10pm News 4.10-4.15pm News 4.15-4.20pm News 4.20-4.25pm News 4.25-4.30pm News 4.30-4.35pm News 4.35-4.40pm News 4.40-4.45pm News 4.45-4.50pm News 4.50-4.55pm News 4.55-5.00pm News 5.00-5.05pm News 5.05-5.10pm News 5.10-5.15pm News 5.15-5.20pm News 5.20-5.25pm News 5.25-5.30pm News 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72.6 (same)De Beers  
increases  
dividend

De Beers, the world's premier diamond group, is raising its interim dividend from 20 cents to 27.5 cents a share after better-than-expected results.

Attributable earnings rose from R261 million (£87 million) to R293 million and earnings on equity accounted basis were up from R425 million to R589 million. The share price rose 20p to 920p yesterday.

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## GFSA ahead

Gold Fields of South Africa, in which Consolidated Gold Fields' London has a 38 per cent interest, is raising its final dividend from 105 cents to 120 cents a share, making 185 cents (160 cents) for the year ended June. Attributable profits rose from R260.5 million (£79 million) to R300.9 million, on higher income from gold-related investments.

## \$37m US sale

Grand Metropolitan's US arm is to sell Diversified Products Corporation to an Alabama company for \$37.5 million (£23.5 million). The deal brings to £240 million the amount GrandMet has raised by the sale of subsidiaries of Liffert that do not fit into the group's strategy.

## Rentokil gains

Interim profits to June at Rentokil, the environmental services and property care group, were up from £13.1 million to £16.3 million. The interim dividend was raised by 17 per cent to 1.2p.

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## SUMMARY

## STOCK MARKETS

|            |                   |
|------------|-------------------|
| New York   | 2288.35 (-51.22)  |
| Dow Jones  | 2288.35 (-51.22)  |
| Nikkei Dow | 25344.34 (-34.54) |
| Hong Kong  | 3604.87 (-5.79)   |
| Amsterdam  | 2108.2 (-1.8)     |
| Sydney     | 2108.2 (-1.8)     |
| Frankfurt  | 2059.2 (-4.1)     |
| Brussels   | 2059.2 (-4.1)     |
| General    | 2059.2 (-4.1)     |
| Paris CAC  | 411.8 (-1.1)      |
| Zurich S&K | 595.00 (-5.60)    |
| London FT  | 1732.2 (-31.8)    |
| FT 100     | 2224.8 (-34.8)    |

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## MAIN PRICE CHANGES

|                   |              |
|-------------------|--------------|
| RISER:            |              |
| Spring Ram        | 496p (+13p)  |
| LWT Holdings      | 895p (+11p)  |
| Storehouse        | 395p (+12p)  |
| Black Arrow       | 370p (+13p)  |
| Standard Chart    | 785p (+35p)  |
| IBO Group         | 318p (+23p)  |
| FALLER:           |              |
| ICI               | 1485p (-22p) |
| London            | 720p (-14p)  |
| GKN               | 381p (-13p)  |
| Hawker Siddeley   | 550p (-14p)  |
| Becham Group      | 540p (-15p)  |
| Taylor & Newall   | 228p (-19p)  |
| Taylor Woodrow    | 458p (-17p)  |
| British Aerospace | 474p (-18p)  |
| Jaguar            | 561p (-24p)  |
| TV South          | 370p (-15p)  |
| J. Mervin         | 435p (-23p)  |
| Shell             | 1383p (-22p) |
| Wpp Group         | 815p (-25p)  |
| Woolworth         | 185p (-27p)  |

Prices are as at 4pm

## INTEREST RATES

|                                   |     |
|-----------------------------------|-----|
| London Bank Base:                 | 10% |
| 3-month interbank 16%+10%         |     |
| 3-month eligible bills 10%+2%     |     |
| buying rate                       |     |
| US Prime Rate 8 1/4%              |     |
| Federal Funds 6 1/4%              |     |
| 3-month Treasury bills 5.09-6.01% |     |
| 31-day bonds 5 1/2%-5 3/4%        |     |

## CURRENCIES

|         |        |           |        |
|---------|--------|-----------|--------|
| London: |        | New York: |        |
| £/\$    | 1.5145 | £/\$      | 1.5165 |
| £/DM    | 2.9788 | £/DM      | 2.9840 |
| £/Sfr   | 2.4686 | £/Sfr     | 2.5270 |
| £/FF    | 97.44  | £/FF      | 1.580  |
| £/Yen   | 236.03 | £/Yen     | 146.1  |
| £/index | 72.6   | £/index   | 100.0  |
| £/D     | 6.6669 | £/D       | 7.9287 |

## GOLD

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|---|--|
| London Fixing:                          |  |
| AM \$454.90 pm \$457.50                 |  |
| close \$457.50-458.00 (\$283.50-284.00) |  |
| New York:                               |  |
| Comex \$459.80-460.30                   |  |

## NORTH SEA OIL

Brent (Spot) pm \$18.70 bbl (\$18.87)  
\* Denotes latest trading price

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Standard loses  
£224 millionCity relieved that no  
cash call is planned

By Richard Thomson, Banking Correspondent

Standard Chartered Group yesterday announced a £224 million pre-tax loss for the half year but insisted that there would be no rights issue to help restore its capital base.

The City, which had been bracing itself for a cash call of up to £500 million, greeted the news with relief and the shares put on 23p to 773p after a 54p fall on Monday.

The loss arose after higher-than-expected bad debt provisions, including £400 million for Third World loans, and a sluggish trading performance.

Sir Peter Graham, the chairman, said that the results were disappointing and that the bank would need to raise about £300 million through asset sales to restore its capital strength to more acceptable levels. "We have an ample supply of family silver and we will sell businesses that are not central to our core operations."

He would not say, however, what Standard's core operations were and added that all parts of the group would be considered before any sales were made. He said that he

hoped the strengthening of the bank's balance sheet would be completed during 1988.

The recent sale of Stanbic, the South African associate company, which raised £155 million was too late to be included in the current figures.

The loss for the six months to June 30 compares with a £131 million profit over the same period last year. At the

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same time, the group's trading profit remained almost unchanged at £185 million, and even before accounting for the exceptional provision, pre-tax profits were down to £103 million.

The poor performance owed much to the unexpected high provisions required in North America and Malaysia. The bank had originally anticipated that provisions across the group would fall this year.

But it has had to boost bad debt cover for Union Bancorp and United Bank of Arizona, its US subsidiaries, by a total of £28 million, while the Canadian operation required

provisions of £13 million. The result was a drop from £32 million in profits from North America to a loss of £3.6 million this time.

In Britain, profits declined by £22 million to £47.1 million after the group's treasury operations, including foreign exchange and deposit dealing, failed to produce much profit in difficult markets. The result was also depressed by the non-receipt of some £10 million of interest so far unpaid by Brazil due to its debt moratorium.

The exceptional bad debt provision leaves Standard with cover of 29 per cent against £1.7 billion in problem loans to Third World countries and Europe.

But shareholders' funds have dropped from £1.2 billion to £860 million, leaving the group's capital resources seriously depleted. Its equity-to-asset ratio now stands at 3 per cent, compared with 4.4 per cent at Lloyds, which is the lowest of the big four banks.

The results depressed Standard's earnings per share from 45.1p to a loss of 179.1p after the exceptional bad debt provisions. The interim dividend is unchanged at 12.5p.

Pay rises  
still above  
rate of  
inflation

By David Young

Wage increases are still running above the 4.4 per cent rate of inflation, according to new figures issued by the Confederation of British Industry.

However, the CBI figures show that wage increases in the manufacturing industries are still running below the national average of 8 per cent.

In the private sector, the average wage rise during the first half of this year was 6.3 per cent. The largest average rise was in the financial sector at 7 per cent.

The CBI reports that the inability of companies to increase product prices is still a widespread downward pressure on pay rates, with 40 per cent of companies quoting it during pay talks.

Just 11 per cent of companies increased holiday entitlement as part of annual pay talks compared with 20 per cent previously. Only 2 per cent of companies have been offering cuts in the working week, while more than 30 per cent of companies are now linking pay increases to agreements on productivity.

Mr Richard Price, the CBI director of employment affairs, said that concentration on a single figure for pay settlements could be misleading. "A wide range of settlements is being reported. Eleven per cent are over 6.5 per cent but 30 per cent are at 4.5 per cent or below. This spread shows that companies are seeking to tailor reward to their particular circumstances," he said.

Treasury in black  
for third month

By David Smith, Economics Correspondent

Government borrowing was negative in July, the third successive month in which there has been a net repayment by the public sector.

However, the figures, which included upward revisions to borrowing estimates in earlier months, were regarded as disappointing in the City.

The public sector borrowing requirement was minus £365 million last month, after a June repayment of £618 million.

Cumulative borrowing in the first four months of the financial year was £714 million, compared with £194 billion in the corresponding period of last year.

But, after adjusting for privatisation proceeds, which last month totalled £500 million, mainly from the BAA share sale, borrowing is running ahead of last year.

In the first four months of the current financial year, borrowing excluding privatisation was £3.6 billion, compared with £3 billion in the

The economy grew strongly in the second quarter, official figures showed. Gross domestic product, based on output data, was 4 per cent up on a year earlier.

The figures suggest that the economy is growing at a faster pace than the Treasury predicted in the Budget in March, when it forecast a GDP rise of 3 per cent this year.

The output-based measure rose by 0.9 per cent in the second quarter.

Manufacturing and services both grew by about 1.5 per cent, with distribution activity up by 2 per cent.

The dollar fell sharply yesterday, prompting heavy selling on Wall Street. In early afternoon trading in New York, the Dow Jones Industrial Average plunged 65 points to 2,635, one of its sharpest falls on record.

The dollar's fall, brought about by further consideration of the \$15.7 billion June US trade deficit, announced last Friday, began the Far East overnight and continued throughout yesterday.

It came as Mr Alan Greenspan, new chairman of

the Federal Reserve Board, was taking his first meeting of the Federal Open Market Committee and will add to pressure for a tightening of US monetary policy.

By the close of business in London the dollar had fallen by more than three pence to DM1.8448. It also dropped sharply against the yen.

Later in New York the dollar fell further, dropping below DM1.84 before steady- ing. The pound rose steadily against the weak dollar, ending 2.3 cents up at \$1.6145.

## Institutions dig deep for an expensive three months

## A record £7.5 billion to find

By Carol Ferguson

No wonder the market has been feeling jittery. This quarter looks like being a record for the amount of cash the institutions are being asked to part with.

Wood Mackenzie, the broker, estimates that the total of cash calls in the quarter will amount to £7.5 billion from the Government and industry.

Allowing for cash takeovers, which put money back into investors' pockets, Wood Mackenzie is forecasting that total net demand for cash this quarter will be a whopping £6.75 billion. This is nearly twice the previous biggest quarterly demand of £3.6 billion in the final three months of 1986, and is well above the total demand for all of 1985 of £3.8 billion.

This forecast is no stab in the dark, because most of the issues are in the pipeline. The Government alone is asking for more than £1.3 billion in instalment payments for Rolls-Royce and the TSB.

Then, to mention only the biggest, there are rights issues from the Midland Bank (£700 million), Blue Arrow (£837 million), Thorn-EMI (£371 million) and Trafalgar House (£306 million).

In this context, it is not surprising that the City heaved a collective sigh of relief that Standard Chartered was not, after

all, having a rights issue, especially when it is remembered that the £3.5 billion BP government sale and rights issue are not included in the forecast.

Adding another £500 million or so to the demands already in the pipeline could be the straw that finally breaks the camel's back, sending the market into the bear dive that has been long expected but has somehow never materialized. This at least is the conventional wisdom — that the size of the cash demands on the institutions is already threatening to strain the system to breaking point.

But institutional cash flow is very buoyant at present. Not only are the

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companies enjoying massive inflows, but unit trust sales to the private sector are still strong.

Exceptionally low government funding requirements, and a lower than normal level of new issues in the first half of this year, have meant that the institutions have, willy nilly, found themselves building up cash reserves.

Then, suddenly, there has been a turnaround from a moderate level of new issues to a massive level, so much so that the forecast demand for cash this quarter almost exactly matches estimated institutional inflow.

To meet all the calls, the institutions must either allocate all their cash to British equities to the exclusion of other investments such as property, which has been a strong area, or overseas equities and bonds. Or they must draw down cash. And an institution's attitude towards its cash balances is governed by a single emotion, confidence.

Mr Richard Dingwall-Smith, of Wood Mackenzie, says: "If an institution finds itself sitting on 5 per cent cash and the market is going up, he feels under-invested, and panics into the market. But if the market is going down, he feels rather clever with his 5 per cent liquidity."

On balance, it looks as if the institutions can well afford to take up all that is being offered this month and next, and still have enough left over for BP. But the weight of paper around is making them nervous.

The present market correction has not turned into a rout. Nor should it, despite the new tendency for rights issue announcements to depress prices, and this week's flop of the Smiths Industries issue.

The money is there to pay the calls, provided the institutions believe the market's next step is not below its present level.



Back-seat driver: a confident Sir John Egan forecasts "the baby-boomers are reaching their prime Jaguar-buying age"

## Jaguar slows down to £45.7m

By Daniel Ward, Motor Industry Correspondent

Jaguar yesterday announced a pretax profit of £45.7 million for the first half of 1987, disappointing analysts who had expected a profit of more than £50 million, compared with £67.4 million for the first six months of 1986.

Sir John Egan, the chairman, said the company had laid down a foundation for significant growth in profits in 1988 and thereafter but conceded that full-year profits for 1987 will be below the 1986 level of £120.8 million. He said output this year would reach 49,000 cars, 18 per cent higher than last year, and in 1988 production should exceed 56,000 cars.

The lower than expected profits were blamed on launch costs for the new XJ6 model being £6 million higher than

planned and a more than doubling of the depreciation charge to £25.1 million. The dividend for the first six months was raised 10 per cent to 3.7p a share compared with 9.5p for the last full year. The disruption to North American sales of launching the new XJ6 model in May resulted in a drop in US sales turnover to £243 million compared with £279.5 million.

Four years after Jaguar was privatized it is still anxious to become an equal terms with Mercedes, its main competitor. Sir John talks of investing 5 per cent of sales (£50 million) annually in research and development which from October will be taking place in a new £50 million engineering centre at Whitley, Coventry, West Midlands.

Much of the plant installed to launch the XJ6 last year was bought when the company had little cash and modest ambitions. Instead of hoping to build 60,000 cars a year by the early 1990s it has now set a target of 80,000, with an ambitious eye on 100,000. Some £100 million a year will be invested in new plant for the next six years to improve quality and provide much of the planned 10-15 per cent improvement in productivity.

A further £350 million for product development will lay to rest the valid criticism that Jaguar is a one-car company. By 1992, in addition to the launch of a top-of-the-range V12 engine version of the XJ6 and convertible XJS coupé, there will be a successor to the E-Type sports car.

The car, codenamed XJ41 will help push up sports car sales to one quarter of Jaguar's output.

Success with a sports car means selling well in America. Last year as European sales hiccuped with the switch to the new XJ6 model, America accounted for 69 per cent of Jaguar's sales though this is expected to fall to 55 per cent in 1988. Sir John said confidently: "The number of people in the world who are able to afford our cars is increasing by 10 per cent a year, the baby boomers are reaching their prime Jaguar-buying age."

Jaguar's low pricing, particularly in America, underscores the company's prospects.

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Bid looms  
at Hill  
SamuelBy Richard Thomson  
Banking Correspondent

The shares of Hill Samuel, the merchant banking group, were suspended on the stock market yesterday at 763p after rising sharply.

The bank gave no reasons for the suspension, but it is believed to be related to takeover negotiations with Union Bank of Switzerland which are expected to be made public later this week.

There were suggestions yesterday, however, that a rival bidder may have put in an offer, possibly Credit Suisse.

Expectations are that UBS will pitch its bid at around 800p a share, valuing Hill Samuel at around £740 million.

The UBS bid came to light in July when Mr Christopher Castleman resigned as chief executive of Hill Samuel in protest at the board's decision to support the UBS approach.

Mr Castleman wanted the group to remain independent. Since then, negotiations have continued, although no formal bid has been made.

## Equiticorp plans Peat bid

By Joe Joseph

The uneasy truce between Guinness Peat Group and Equiticorp, the New Zealand investment company which has built up a 29.7 per cent stake in the merchant bank, snapped yesterday when Equiticorp revealed its plans to bid for Guinness Peat.

In a letter to the Guinness Peat board yesterday, Mr Alan Hawkins, the Australian corporate raider who controls Equiticorp, said: "We are contemplating acquiring further shares in GPG, with the consequence that our group will be required to make a full

bid for GPG. We expect the price of such a bid will be no higher than 110p per share. We would like to discuss this possibility with you later this week."

Guinness Peat's shares were trading at 103p last night but closed above the suggested bid price at 112p. Equiticorp would be forced to make a full bid for the bank if it built its stake to 30 per cent or more.

Mr Alastair Morton, Guinness Peat's chairman, dismissed the approach as "unwelcome and not worthy

of discussion. The price indicated was in the view of the board totally unacceptable." He added that Guinness Peat yesterday asked Mr Hawkins and Mr Grant Adams, the chairman of Capitalcorp International, a subsidiary of Equiticorp, to resign as directors of Guinness Peat.

An Equiticorp spokesman said he was surprised at Mr Morton's "emotional reaction". He said the letter to Guinness Peat was intended to be confidential and that Equiticorp was astonished to see its details published.

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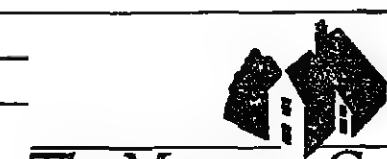
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# Mountleigh adviser attacks City Panel

By Lawrence Lever

Phillips & Drew, adviser to the Mountleigh property group, claimed yesterday that the Takeover Panel was wrong to force Mountleigh into the open last Thursday over its potential bid for Sir Terence Couran's Storehouse empire.

Mr James Hyslop, of Phillips & Drew, said Mountleigh had not caused the takeover speculation and was not therefore required under the Takeover Code to make any public announcement.

"We do not believe that we were required to make any statement," he said. "We do not feel that we were the cause of all the takeover speculation. In fact, the speculation was under way for several days before we considered the (Storehouse) project."

He said the panel was adopting a different approach to its rules and that "one year

ago" Mountleigh would not have had to make any statement.

Mountleigh's announcement that it was considering making a bid for Storehouse followed about six weeks of takeover speculation about Storehouse.

Mountleigh, primarily a property-dealing group, was not mentioned as a possible suitor until August 2.

The Panel insisted on Mountleigh declaring its interest in Storehouse under rules in the Takeover Code which are designed to prevent a false market developing in a company's shares.

Rule 2.2 of the code obliges a potential bidder to make a statement where the target company is the subject of speculation, or an untoward price movement, and "there are reasonable grounds for

concluding that it is the potential offeror's actions (whether through inadequate security, purchasing of offeree company shares or otherwise) which have led to the situation."

About 10 days before Mountleigh made the announcement, the Panel had taken the unusual step of reminding all the companies involved in the takeover speculation of these rules. The Panel contacted Mountleigh directly then.

It is now investigating why it took Mountleigh this length of time to declare its intentions.

Mr Hyslop said Phillips & Drew had only approached the Panel last Thursday to clarify "what it was thinking."

A spokesman for the Panel said it would not conduct its investigation or respond to Phillips through the Press.



Broader Horizon: Crichton-Miller (left) and Muckleston

## Rank operators sold to Horizon

By Derek Harris, Industrial Editor

Horizon Travel, the Bass subsidiary, has bought the Rank Organization's Wings, Blue Sky and OSL package holidays operations, lifting its market share in foreign holidays from 12 per cent to 16 per cent.

This is a vital move for Horizon as Thomson Holidays and the International Leisure Group between them have seized more than half the market.

It was not disclosed how much the deal was worth but Rank originally bought Wings and OSL for £14.5 million. Blue Sky was acquired later from British Caledonian when little cash was believed to have changed hands.

Rank has sold because of the squeeze in the price war on medium-sized operators. This arises from the big increases in capacity, particularly by Thomson and Mr Harry Goodman's ILG, including Intasun.

There was enough high-season demand last year for middle-size operators to sell out after the big operators had cleared their shelves. But this year Thomson, ILG and Horizon have been selling high-

season holidays up to the last minute.

Mr Angus Crichton-Miller, head of Rank's leisure division, said: "In the past two years at Wings-OSL-Blue Sky we achieved good growth and cut losses satisfactorily. We expected to make money this year."

He disclosed that before the deal with Horizon there had been discussions with other "middle-ground" operators. They have been under similar pressures because of the greater capacity in the market.

The deal leaves Rank still with a key stake in the holidays' business through Builins - whose holiday world centres are being substantially upgraded - Haven caravans and Blue Line waterways.

The acquisition for Horizon is a quantum leap, said Mr Bob Muckleston, its chief executive. Instead of a tough struggle to improve its position as third in the market, Horizon should now be able to compete in crucial volume terms, particularly as a season-only brokerage operation also comes with the Rank deal.

## Who will raise this drooping Standard?

COMMENT Kenneth Fleet

It is a measure of how panic-prone the banking sector has become when the Standard Chartered share price could rise so sharply even after some truly awful interim results. It jumped more than 20p to 773p in relief that there was to be no rights issue. Such movements underline just how speculatively the shares are priced.

Sadly, the central message of yesterday's figures is that Standard has become a bank without direction. In the year since the Lloyds bid was defeated, the suspicion has spread that the bank was drifting. Yesterday, Sir Peter Graham, the chairman, warily refused even to say what the bank's core businesses were, while Michael McWilliam, the group managing director who led the successful defence against Lloyds with dour Scottish determination and guile, could give no convincing outline of the group's strategy.

The board wants to raise £300 million from disposals, although on some calculations the bank needs considerably more than that to restore battered capital ratios to acceptable levels. Stanbic, which was a core business, has been sold, so perhaps even the profitable Union Bancorp, arguably the most successful of British acquisitions of American banks, could be on the sales list. So could Chartered Trust, the British finance house, although it is fast becoming one of the main pillars of Standard's ambitions in this country. Whatever is sold, Standard's obvious desperation to raise capital is likely to reduce its chances of receiving the best prices.

It all goes to show how lucky Lloyds was in failing in its bid for Standard despite its best efforts. Thus are reputations sometimes preserved! At

the same time the Standard board has to ask itself "what price freedom?" The three musketeers who came to the bank's rescue are in a critical if not controlling position. Sir Yue-Kong Pao, with 15 per cent of the equity, and Robert Holmes à Court, with 15 per cent, are both deputy chairmen, while Tan Sri Khoo Teck Puan is thought still to hold 7.5 per cent. For the time being, Standard is effectively protected from a bid by the Bank of England inquiry into actions during the Lloyds bid, but Sir Peter says this may be completed well before Christmas. For its part, the Bank must be concerned with Standard's condition.

Even with the Bank's shield withdrawn, it is an interesting question who might want to buy a bank with a serious identity problem, a severe shortage of capital and some of the most volatile and low quality earnings of any large British bank. Perhaps Roland "Tiny" Rowland and Lonrho, who have been well served by Standard? More seriously, even if the Bank of England wanted to find a buyer to take Standard out of its misery it would have trouble persuading the few banks still with strong enough capital ratios to have a go. Unless, of course, the Royal Bank of Scotland felt inclined to reverse the historical process.

As long as Standard's future is still clouded by the presence of its big shareholders, it is hard to see the way out. Their motives and intentions are as opaque as ever and their presence has been no help to the bank except to keep its shares at a speculative level. Perhaps their long-anticipated carve-up of the group will now begin; perhaps not. The one thing they cannot do is allow Standard to continue to drift.

## Rules should apply to all

Phillips & Drew would be quite wrong to suppose that the announcement of its customer Mountleigh's possible bid for Storehouse at the Takeover Panel's prompting was unnecessary. Section 2.2d of the Takeover Code, which deals with speculation prior to a formal bid approach, is clear. Since Mountleigh was not an obvious suitor but had been buying shares and was mentioned as a likely bidder more than a fortnight ago, it is plain that "there are reasonable grounds" for thinking that its activities fuelled speculation. Indeed, it would be hard to justify P&D's delay in responding. The implications of the Panel's action were spelt out in this column nine days before Mountleigh's Tony Clegg reluctantly came forward.

It is, nonetheless, hard not to feel some sympathy for P&D, a house which tries to act decently. While the Storehouse situation was exceptional in the variety and strength of rumours, it is clear that the rule has been more often honoured in the breach than in observance. Jimmy Gulliver suffered its effects when he countered intense speculation by saying he was not about to bid for

Guinness. He was forced to stay his hand for a crucial three months. That should have been a powerful public precedent. But when a would-be bidder builds up a purposeful share stake and is named in speculation before he is ready to approach the intended victim or bid, the instinct is to go to ground.

In the present case, Woolworth, and particularly Sears, built up stakes in Storehouse that appeared to be bigger than Mountleigh's and were rumoured as bidders before Mountleigh. Sears is thought to be contemplating the tactics of waiting for a bid and then counterbidding. Its silence, in the circumstances, is quite as strong as Mr Gulliver's Guinness denial and should have the same timing implications if the Code is to be fair and to be obeyed in future cases. We must assume that the rumoured bidders who have remained silent have been competently advised and are therefore taking strategic stakes to bargain over a break-up of Storehouse and will not bid or counterbid.

In the post-Guinness era, advisers surely understand that the takeover rules are to protect investors and are not club rules for practitioners which can be disregarded by tacit common consent.

### IN BRIEF

## Australian newspaper closes

Melbourne (AFP) - *Business Daily*, Australia's first new national daily newspaper in 23 years, has closed just more than six weeks after it was first published on July 6, Mr Michael Gill, the editor, said yesterday.

The newspaper was a joint venture 40 per cent owned by the Herald and Weekly Times newspaper group, owned by Mr Rupert Murdoch, and 60 per cent controlled by 35 staff members. H&WT provided Aus\$6 million (£2.67 million) to start the paper.

Media observers said the market for business newspapers was saturated.

### Weir orders

The pumps division of the Weir Group of Glasgow has won contracts totalling more than £700,000 from Kenya Power and Lighting Company to supply equipment for two geothermal power projects at Eburru and Olkaria.

### Copper falls

Bougainville Copper, the copper-gold deposit mine in Papua New Guinea in which CRA, the Australian resources group, has a 53.6 per cent stake, reported net profit for the six months to end-June down from \$9.8 million (\$27.8 million) to \$2.9 million (\$7.6 million) after lower sales of copper concentrates and less favourable exchange rates.

### Impala profit

Impala Platinum Holdings, a major South African producer of platinum group metals, blamed tax charges which rose by 150.3 per cent for a less-than-expected profit, despite a rise in metal sales of \$1.3 per cent to \$1.27 billion (£380 million). The outcome was a net profit of \$275.3 million against \$192.7 million.

### Publisher buy

Butterworth, the legal publisher owned by Reed International, is buying Professional Books, a privately-owned Oxfordshire publisher which sells £1.6 million worth of legal works a year.

## Fall in shares may hamper FKI deal

By Michael Tate

Mr Tony Gardiner, chairman of FKI Electricals, is expected to clear the first hurdle in his ambitious £413 million plan to take control at Babcock International, the British engineering group, when he faces his shareholders today.

He could, however, be in for a rough ride. The FKI share price has fallen remorselessly to sit 16p below its rights issue price, and institutional shareholders have been disgruntled about the Babcock deal.

Fund managers investing in smaller companies are said to be unhappy about seeing their investment in a dynamic electrical company swapped for a holding in a somewhat sleepy engineer.

Separate votes will be taken to approve the offer and the accompanying £90 million rights issue, and although Mr

Russell Edey of NM Rothschild, the financial adviser to FKI, said yesterday he envisaged "no problem at all," Mr Gardiner may have to be at his most persuasive. His own 16.6 per cent share stake could be crucial.

It looks increasingly likely that FKI will extend the list of recent rights issue flops. The company has been caught by the sharp fall in the stock market.

The share price closed at 166p yesterday, leaving the price of the new shares high and dry at 182p, and it looks as if the underwriters will be left with most of the issue.

Since it also looks probable that many accepting Babcock holders will opt for the cash alternative, the market is threatened with a substantial overhang of FKI stock.

## Helene buys for £4.8m

Helene of London, the fashionwear manufacturer, is making two acquisitions for an initial consideration of almost £4.8 million and raising £3.24 million net via a one for six rights issue at 48p a share.

The company also announced a boardroom reshuffle, with two directors retiring, including Mr Montague Passes, who co-founded the company in 1946. Five new directors have been appointed.

The flurry of activity made little impression on the company's shares which fluctuated between 75p and 77p. They have risen from 27p last November when a potential takeover fell through.

Helene is buying two private fabrics companies, paying a combination of £2.6 million cash and issuing 2.7 million new shares to the vendors. Further payments up to a maximum of 2.9 million shares will depend on profits.

## B&C in £45m Country sale

By Joe Joseph

Mr John Gunn's British & Commonwealth Holdings has sold its interests in Country and New Town Properties for about £45 million as part of its plan to develop a wholly-owned property division under its financial services umbrella.

B&C is selling its 44 per cent stake in CNTP for £39.3 million cash to Pennant Holdings, a quoted Australian investment holding company.

It is also selling its related 30 per cent holding in Country and New Town Properties BV, the Dutch company which owns CNTP's international property interests, to CNTP

for £5.85 million cash. If CNTP was not completed the deal by October 1, Pennant will buy the stake on the same terms.

Mr Charles Cary-Elwes, a B&C director, said: "We intend to build a significant property investment and development division over which we have direct control. The funds raised from the sale of the CNTP group interests will be used in furthering this objective."

B&C is also bidding to take over its fellow finance group Mercantile House.

Pennant, in line with the City's Takeover Code, will

make a full offer for CNTP at 197p cash a share, the price paid to B&C, valuing CNTP at £89.4 million. Pennant intends to retain CNTP's listing after the offer.

B&C is believed to be planning to pour at least £100 million into its property activities over the next few years to take advantage of the wide-ranging property portfolio built up by the Cayzer family.

B&C's property interests were included in the last balance sheet at only £71.6 million, although analysts at Capel-Cure Myers, the broker, believe they are worth well over four times that amount.

### APPOINTMENTS

## New board members for BSR

BSR: Mr Rex Thorne becomes an executive director and Mr Harry Harrison a non-executive director.

Alitalia: Mr Carlo Bassotti becomes European regional director.

Robert M Douglas: Dr RA Paine becomes group chief executive and joins the board.

British Gas: Mr David Brooks becomes the East Midlands regional deputy chairman. Mr John Allan West Midlands regional deputy chairman and Mr Simon Kirk Eastern regional deputy chairman.

Wallcovering Manufacturers Association: Mr Chris Hinks has been elected president and Mr Ron Shakeshaft vice president.

Tate & Lyle Distribution Services: Mr Stephen Hemwood becomes divisional managing director.

Bowden Dyble Hayes & Partners: Mr Clive Timmins becomes business development director.

Elswick: Mr Neil Eades joins the board.

Jarvis: Mr Harvey Bard and Mr Martin Reuben become directors. Mr Bard also becomes executive chairman.

Hoare Govett: Mr Bernard John Leaver becomes a director.

Holco Trading Company: Mr C Morris is made chairman and Mr M Metcalfe managing director.

Penny & Giles: Mr Fred Howse and Mr Keith Hillman join the board of Penny & Giles Confective Plastics. Mr Peter Kirby becomes manufacturing director of Penny & Giles Studio Equipment. Mr Neil Parke is elected manufacturing director of Penny & Giles Inductive Technology.

Harris Queensway: Mr John Hambleton is made group property director from September 1.

Infotronics Systems: Mr John Larin becomes vice president, International.

Brown & Tawse: Mr Gilbert Black becomes a non-executive director.

Lawson Mardon: Mr RJ Lawson has been named production director, William Thyne.

## Maxwell's Dutch auction

Merger talks between BPCC chairman Robert Maxwell and Elsevier, the second-largest publisher of newspapers and journals in the Netherlands, may not be going all his own way. Maxwell's advisers failed to discover that Elsevier was already in merger talks with another leading British publishing and paper group - Reed International - until the great man himself, accompanied by his son Kevin, met the chairman and deputy chairman of the Dutch firm, Messrs Pierre Vinken and Allard Jiskoot, last Thursday for preliminary talks. In the midst of the Treadwell Bay Sailing Club ball the other evening, Peter Davis, Reed's amiable and very able new chief executive, told me he has been in talks with Elsevier for some time and that Maxwell had discovered that fact after telephoning him at his holiday cottage in the picturesque Anglesey resort late on Thursday. "I think he had a few problems trying to find my number in Treadwell," Davis chuckled. Clearly relaxed about the situation, keen sailor Davis will be continuing his family holiday until the end of August and will tomorrow be acting as officer of the day for the sailing club's ladies race. "What will happen now?" "We shall see," says Davis - "who happens to be half Dutch - with a confident smile.

### Silver tongued

When Sir Peter Graham, senior deputy chairman of Standard Chartered, told jour-

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### Trap for the big cheese

If you are a director of a leading British merchant bank, in the habit of breathing down underlings' necks and unashamedly rifling through their in-trays - you had better be on your guard. I hear that preachers in one such respectable City institution have tampered with an innocent-looking pile of papers, strategically placing a particularly vicious mouse-trap in its midst. Staff throughout the mice-infested building - which must unfortunately remain anonymous for the time being, for fear of ruining the prank - are now said to be agog, waiting for the probing fingers to attempt to take the bait. Stay tuned...

vestment manager added: "And I lost £224 million of it today." Standard Chartered yesterday announced that it had made pretax losses of £224.1 million in the first six months of this year, against profits of £131 million during the same period last year.

### Bright spark

Let's hope that Sir Denis Rooke, 63-year-old chairman of British Gas, doesn't suffer from jet lag. Next month he is off to New York to extol the virtues of British Gas shares to the Americans. That is on Monday. On the Tuesday an early flight will take him to Toronto to do the same for the Canadians. Then on the Wednesday he flies to Tokyo - losing a day over the International Date Line - to arrive late on Thursday with little time to freshen up before going through his routine for the Japanese. And, despite the gruelling schedule, he plans to be back at his desk the following Monday for business as usual.



"He's a yucky - he's young and he makes me sick."

## Quick Silverman

Even though the price paid by former Moss Bros chief executive Manny Silverman for the prestigious Norman Hartnell couture business hasn't yet been revealed, it seems that the ever-shrewd one-time tailor has bought a bargain. What is known is that he bought the assets, name and on-going business of the Bruton Street firm, without any of its £950,000 debts. David Morgan of accountants Spicer & Pegler, administrator to the sale, tells me that other prospective purchasers were prepared to pay more but needed more time to arrange the finance. "I would have been happier if we hadn't had to rush it so much," he says. But Morgan and his lawyers Lovell White & King should nevertheless be congratulated for completing the transaction within just five weeks - it means that there is still time to bring out Hartnell's winter couture and ready-to-wear collections. "I have given the designers the go-ahead and the collections should be ready within a few weeks," says Silverman.

### Taking stock

The City merry-go-round of stockbrokers on the move seems to be speeding up again. Andrew Melrose, a building sector analyst in his mid-30s, is leaving Kleinwort Greaveson for Warburg Securities, on a reputed six-figure salary. He will strengthen the existing analytical team comprising dynamic duo Stephen Brook and Philip Raper.

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## MEDIA AND MARKETING

Clip the coupon  
— sell the book

The book trade is worried about stagnant sales. Voices are being raised in favour of a collective marketing initiative which could, however, make things worse.

The latest Euromonitor survey indicates a slight decline in the proportion of people buying books (only 30 per cent of those questioned had bought one during the previous month, compared with 32 per cent in 1986). Another recent report, commissioned by the Booksellers Association, says that between 1980 and 1984 the share of consumer expenditure devoted to books fell from 0.35 to 0.334 per cent.

The trade paper *Publishing News* has called for the setting-up by the Booksellers Association and Publishers Association of a joint body to organize the generic promotion of books, presumably with some such slogan as Read Books Day. The scheme is favoured by some booksellers who want it to be funded by a small levy on the price of every book.

Given that the BA report already referred to identified high prices as a main obstacle to bigger sales, there is something perverse about this notion. In any case it is doubtful whether generic advertising would be any use in a market where every title is a different product.

What would surely be far more effective would be an improvement in the marketing brainpower of individual firms on both sides of the industry. UK publishers and booksellers still neglect techniques tried and tested in other consumer goods industries — for example the money-off coupon. Britain's Net Book Agreement prohibits booksellers from cutting prices of new books. But there is nothing to stop a publisher distributing coupons redeemable against purchases of specified titles.

Publishers could also give away free samples. The first

OPINION  
Philip Kleinman

chapter of a new novel could be mailed to people responding to an ad. Sales could be further boosted by having competitions for buyers. In promoting packaged goods, an increasingly used technique is what the Americans call cause-related marketing: that is, linking sales of a brand to support for a charity. Again, there's nothing to stop a publisher offering to give, say, 50p to Oxfam for every copy sold of a new cookbook.

Bookshops could, without breaking the resale price maintenance rules, offer customers free or cut-price items such as ball pens or run their own competitions.

One company about to try to prove that sales methods successful in other fields can work for books is The Network Club, a book club being launched at the end of this month. It is the brainchild of Colin Rose, boss of Uni-Vita, which has grown fast through multi-level marketing of its Micro Diet slimming food.

Multi-level marketing means salespeople earn commission on sales made by other people they recruit and also on those made by their recruits' recruits. "Business members" of The Network Club will not sell books but will get 20 per cent commission on books bought direct from the club by their first-level recruits, 4 per cent on second- and third-level recruits, and 3 per cent on fourth- and fifth-level recruits.

Robert Shreeve, the former Sphere Books executive who runs the club, already has 4,000 "business members", rising to go and expects first-year turnover to top £1 million. If nothing else, Network is bound to get the rest of the book trade thinking harder about how to sell.

Philip Kleinman is editor of the newsletter *Marketing Breakthroughs* and author of *The Search & Search Story*, to be published by Weidenfeld & Nicolson in October.

Sally Dugan reports on  
hi-tech developments  
that promise as big  
a revolution in print  
as we have already  
seen on television

Three cows and a bull dance in a field, singing in time to a butter jingle... a black and white figure sprouts a red nose. Effects like this may be part of the wallpaper for television viewers, but they are also potent advertisements for the creative potential of the Quantel Paintbox and a personable little machine called Harry.

David Hockney's televised dabblings with the Paintbox — a video "painting" system operated with a light-sensitive pen — brought a previously modest behind-the-scenes tool firmly to the fore. But Harry, launched as a plug-in companion just over a year ago, is the real workhorse in digital editing — and Quantel's competitors are after his blood. With ever slicker computer animation in demand for top-class advertising and corporate videos, the race is on for the same effect at half the price.

Like the Paintbox, Harry is designed to be as unmachine-like as possible, performing operations normally requiring great banks of switches at the stroke of an electronic pen. Video clips can be stored, manipulated, even lengthened — by the creation of entirely new frames — without loss of quality. Images can be dissolved, carved up electronically and stacked one on top of the other. Used in conjunction with another Quantel machine known as Encore, the whole picture can be flipped and tumbled, which explains why even the *Nine O'Clock News* now appears as if from out of space.

But a complete package costs nearly half a million pounds, potentially crippling for the growing number of post-production facilities houses that service the advertising and corporate video industry. Just to keep abreast of new technology, they have to recoup the cost of every new purchase within six months, and hourly rates are charged accordingly. Rushes, in Old Compton Street, London — which produced special effects for the award-winning *Honeywell* commercial — quotes a going rate of around £400 an hour for use of its Quantel-based digital editing suite.



Supernova: Gary Lucas (left) and Michael Kemp with the machine that has cut the high cost of computer graphics

Enter Spaceward Microsystems, a young company founded originally by two Cambridge graduates, Mike Kemp and Gary Lucas, to manufacture and market audio equipment. Its Supernova, the cheapest version of which sells for around £27,000, competes directly with the Quantel Paintbox. And the company has opened talks for a marriage of convenience with Abekas Video Systems.

## 'People went on the principle that if it costs a lot it must be okay'

which produces a machine with similar capabilities to Harry.

Quantel has some 500 systems installed worldwide. Spaceward only half that number. It is opening offices in New York and Tokyo. "We don't necessarily want to be first in the market — we'd rather be second, when the price comes down," says Spaceward's 32-year-old managing director, John Hinchliffe. "We'll be able to get hold of pre-production memory chips and keep as close as possible to new technology."

The company has a sales and demonstration base in Soho, but its

heart is in Cambridgeshire. "There are lots of companies in Cambridge that have grown up on the back of Sinclair Research and Acorn, so we can subcontract the manufacturing and concentrate on R & D," says Hinchliffe.

Spaceward has installations at Spanish television, Mitsubishi in Japan and all over the UK and Europe. When Carlton Television opened a facilities house in a converted church in St John's Wood, the graphics head, Patrick Treloar, set up shop with a Supernova and a Cubicomp 3D Picture maker in preference to Quantel. "It's like a Hoover — everybody knows the Quantel name," he says. "Before, people went on the principle that if it costs a lot it must be okay. But as smaller systems become more powerful, they are beginning to be educated away from that way of thinking."

Anglia, Yorkshire and BBC East used Supernovas for their election results graphics. And the title for the Mike Yarwood Christmas Show, with tumbling metal coils bearing the imprint of his various impersonations, also used one. Not to mention numerous advertisements, advertisers having discovered that it is cheaper to produce look-alike effects on a screen than in a studio. The mounds of

mashed potato used in place of melting ice-cream in food commercials can now be consigned to history.

Japanese and American manufacturers are also, inevitably, in the Paintbox stakes. American-owned Ampex claims its AVA-3 Graphics Paint System comes "as close to real art as video can get". Its publicity brochure features a screen-drawn Mona Lisa, with the emphasis on

## 'We'd rather be second in the market, when the price comes down'

artistic rather than technical capabilities. Ownership confers automatically on the user the status of "artist", complete with "palette" offering a mere 16 million colours.

Meanwhile, having reinvented the paintbrush successfully for the video age, Martin Holbrook — the designer who helped to develop the Paintbox — has left Quantel's Newbury headquarters for a Covent Garden studio and is confidently predicting a graphics revolution in print parallel to that in television.

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"We collect newspapers like the rest of the library collects books," said the symposium chairwoman. "Every edition of the world's newspapers from the 17th century to yesterday is kept on 18 miles of shelving or 250,000 reels of microfilm."

"The problem is the amount of newspapers and the cheap paper used, which makes them brittle. Their size makes them bulky and self-destructive. So libraries have resorted to microfilming on a large scale."

The BL, the world's leading integrated film archive of printed news, sells microfilm around the world and expects to make £500,000 profit this year. "What came up most strongly at the symposium," Johansson said, "was the need for a decent international record of the microfilming that's been done to prevent duplication."

Some countries film and then destroy their papers. The library disapproves of that partly because no one is sure how long microfilm will last. The originals are also needed for the reproduction of illustrations and research into design development.

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## MEDIA AND MARKETING

## On a fling and a prayer

As the style magazine

**Blitz celebrates its seventh anniversary, David Housham talks to its founder about the struggle for success**

Many thousands of devoted readers of *Blitz* magazine are about to have their loyalty rewarded with a free packet of designer condoms. Some luckier ones will receive ritz presents such as compact disc players simply for returning a coupon in the September issue.

Lavishing £30,000 worth of gifts on its readership as it celebrates its seventh year of existence and fastest issue so far is not standard publishing practice, but then few episodes in *Blitz*'s history have conformed to magazine conventions.

It was launched in 1980 from a room in St Hilda's College, Oxford University, belonging to Carey Labovitch. It is now the flagship of a small publishing company, Jigsaw Publications, which occupies a ramshackle office building in Soho.

Labovitch runs the company, which employs 16 people, and also contract-publishes complimentary in-store magazines for HMV record stores and produces a successful and innovative magazine distribution guide for newsgagents.

In 1980, says Labovitch, "at the height of the economic depression, there was a dearth of magazines for



Trend-setting Carey Labovitch, proprietor of *Blitz*: 'Publishing is a male-dominated business. It hardens you'

my age group. There was the music press for the boys and magazines about how to apply make-up for girls. I was interested in more — films, fashion, photography and design.

*Blitz* has been the least trendy (though no less influential) of the trio of "style" magazines, which in recent years have had an enormous impact, not only among the relatively modest numbers of their 18 to 35-year-old readers, but particu-

larly in Fleet Street and the creative departments of advertising agencies.

Labovitch emphasizes that unlike its rivals, *The Face* and *i-D*, she and her partner Simon Tesler started *Blitz* with no experience or resources; their aim was to attract young, inexperienced writers and photographers to cover the activities of their contemporaries in the music, fashion and design worlds.

She recounts selling advertising from the college call-box, getting unprecedented national distribution by boldly approaching the head offices of W.H. Smith and John Menzies, and learning as she and Tesler went along about production by talking to their printers.

She and Tesler decided to keep the magazine going when they left university. With the help of friends who gave them free accommodation, a bank which gave them a

£2,000 overdraft and eager contributors who gave their services free, they quickly built *Blitz* up from a bi-monthly with a 5,000 circulation to a monthly selling 15,000 copies by the end of 1983.

Labovitch made the crucial contribution to *Blitz*'s commercial success by touring advertising agencies and trying to attract the advertisers who were using the rock music papers, at a time when the other style magazines were not chasing ads.

She says: "Year on year, our advertising revenue has increased by 200 per cent." *Blitz* currently has a circulation of 45,000 in this country, with an additional 15,000 copies sold overseas.

At the age of 27, and with a half-share in a £1.5 million-plus business, I wondered if Labovitch had any regrets about the numerous turned-down job offers and the fun-filled social life she has sacrificed for her dedication to *Blitz*.

"All my friends with jobs in the City or advertising have been having a good time, and I've been like a 40-year-old trying to run a company. Publishing is a male-dominated business and I've had so many put-downs from men who had never encountered a young woman before, and couldn't believe I could do what had never been previously done. It hardens you."

"It will be a few years before we out-grow our readers," says Labovitch, "but there may be a point when style magazines won't be popular any more. Anything can happen, which is why we decided, in 1984, to become a publishing house and not a one-title publisher."

## BYLINES

## The dummy runners

One of the three projects announced by publisher Robert Maxwell, shortly after the closure last month of the *London Daily News*, is further advanced than the others. Maxwell surprised all comers by stating his intention to produce a mid-market daily, a new London evening newspaper and a London freesheet by spring next year.

This week a team of seven is pasting up a dummy of a *USA Today*-style mid-market colour broadsheet for national distribution. In overall charge of the project is *Daily Mirror* editor Mike Molloy. Day-to-day editorial control is under Pat Pilton, former deputy editor of the *LDN*.

## Informed view

ITV's Oracle teletext service claims more people now watch it than its long-time rival, BBC's Ceefax. NOP's Teletext Audience Survey, January to June 1987, reveals 3.6 million adults consult the Oracle every day, 34 per cent up since the audience was last measured six months previously. Oracle attributes its success to its popular editorial style and to the growing penetration of households in Britain by teletext.

Oracle's fastest-rising audience is for its financial information.

## Travel hopefully

There was a solidly British feel to the launch last week of the first edition of the new and self-explanatory American monthly magazine, *Condé Nast's Traveler*. Its editor-in-chief is the former editor of *The Sunday Times* and *The Times*, Harold Evans. Under him are two members of his original three man insight team at *The Sunday Times*. Consulting editor is a former golden boy of Fleet Street, Clive Irving, and London editor is Ron Hall, former editor of the *Sunday Times Magazine*. The magazine expects sales of about half a million a month.

## Sits. Vac.

Without anyone really noticing, three leading journalistic positions at the BBC have become vacant. Only this week former *Newsnight* editor Richard Tait took over as editor-in-chief of Channel 4 News. There are openings at the top on *Today*, where the arrival of John Birt, the zealous reforming new Deputy Director General, has meant promotion for editor Jenny Abramsky to editor, News and Current Affairs, Radio, and on *Panorama*,

from where current editor David Dickinson moves on to take charge of special projects for the BBC. Birt has made his distaste for existing BBC practices so clear that few candidates may feel able to put themselves forward for jobs in the hot seat. But the BBC is committed to making appointments to these posts from within.

## Late verdict

With a number of ITV stations starting, or about to start, night-time television transmissions, Central was amazed (along with Yorkshire) to receive a letter from the IBA advising them that their agreement to run a late-night service ran only until December 31. When Central protested, pointing out that this could seriously affect their New Year's Eve transmissions, the IBA lamely backed down, telling the Midlands company that there was now "no reasonable prospect of withholding permission". The IBA says it was a technical misunderstanding over schedules, but others see it as a misplaced piece of empire protection.

## Briefly...

Richard Peel has been appointed Head of Publicity and Public Relations at the BBC's newly established News and Current Affairs Directorate, the fieldwork of Ron Neil, former *Breakfast* Time editor... Robert Gucione Jr. is hoping to raise the money to keep afloat his American publication, *Spin*, after his more famous father Bob, publisher of *Penthouse*, pulled the plug on this month... Magazine publishing gets ever more specialist: *Professional Landscaper*, *Polo Express*, *Oriental Combat Arts* and *Land Rover* Owner are among the new arrivals...

## A TV pirate's platform for debate

"No new taxes, no cable fees, no satellite dishes costing thousands of pounds," boasts Sealand Television, aspiring offshore broadcaster.

But despite the brazen appeal to free market values, Sealand, which proposes to broadcast entertainment programmes to a potential audience of nine million Home Counties viewers, is not quite what the Government had in mind when it called for partial deregulation of the airwaves.

Sealand plans to launch Channel 5 in October, transmitting from 5pm to 2am each day) from two disused anti-aircraft platforms seven miles off the Essex coast, which it claims forms "a legally constituted and sovereign state" outside territorial waters. In September 1967, Sealand was occupied by "Prince" Roy Bates, a former army major, who declared sovereignty and gave Sealand its own constitution.

## Plans to launch Sealand Television from a station off the Essex coast may be sailing into deep water

Wallace Kemper, Sealand's chairman, remains vague when pressed on specific programme plans. "We'll be showing films, music videos, request shows and sports events. There will be 20 films a month, most of them features made in the 1980s, most

of them bought from Hollywood."

But the combined forces of the Department of Trade and Industry and the Wireless and Telegraphy Act 1949 may yet thwart Sealand's ambitions. On October 1, British territorial waters will be extended

to 12 miles, "and as an unlicensed station, Channel 5 will be breaking the law", a DTI spokesman says.

"We've spent around half of the £3 million allocated for start-up costs," Kemper says. Initial funding has come from the Foundation for Administrative Research — a trust owned by Kemper's children. The trust's other interests include a Dallas-based outfit called, somewhat improbably, Ewing Oil.

Once up and running, the station will rely on advertising revenue with a 30-second prime-time slot costing £10,000.

According to Tim Drysdale, television controller at J. Walter Thompson, "We won't touch them until we're certain they're legal, and we've got a clearer idea of likely audience size."

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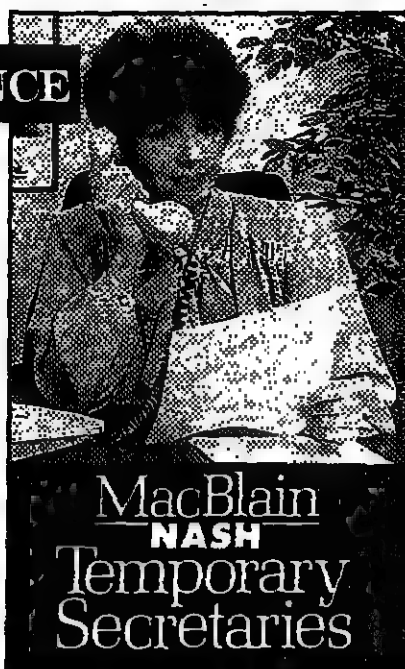
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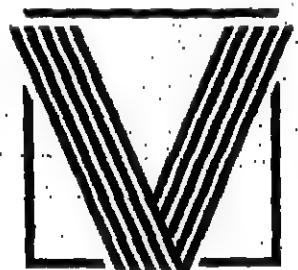
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# Once an island wilderness, now it's blooming with luxury flats

The Costa Smeralda, that 7,500-acre playground of the leisure rich for the last 25 years, has just begun, through its estate office, Agenzia Immobiliare della Costa Smeralda, an intensive marketing campaign to attract British buyers to invest in holiday homes along the development's 34 miles of coastline in the north-east of Sardinia.

In 1962, a small syndicate, headed by the Aga Khan, bought this seemingly uninhabitable tract of beautiful, rugged land which had no water, no villages and was fit only for a few grazing goats. Over the years, a master plan evolved, drawn up by a group of urban planners and architects. Infrastructure, including roads, electricity, sewerage and a dam were put in and, conforming to a strict building code, villas, hotels, two large marinas, apartment blocks and leisure facilities including a yacht club, tennis centre and a Robert Trent-Jones 18-hole golf course, were gradually added.

Long-term plans for the next two decades have just been announced and include adding 5,000 homes to the 2,500 already completed, another marina village and two more 18-hole and two nine-hole golf courses. The former is being designed by Trent-Jones to connect with the Pevero course, which has an exclusive golf club at its heart.

Situated high above the sea, virtually adjacent to the course, a third phase of 27 golf bungalows, Casa del Golf, are for sale and ready for immediate occupation. They are built on a sloping site, so each unit has its own terrace and small garden, and the communal swimming pool is also finished. The views are stupendous. Prices range from a studio for £99,000, with one, two and three-bedroom homes costing from £120,000, £140,000 and £180,000 respectively.

The exterior design follows the theme of all Costa Smeralda's buildings: traditional tiles imported, in the main, from southern Italy, wooden, tiled balconies and terracotta floor tiles.

The individual villa plots are for sale in designated zones throughout the Costa Smeralda, at prices ranging from



To maintain the rural feel of the Quinta da Marinha estate, a half-hour's drive north of Lisbon, the villas have been designed to blend with trees and foliage

£57,000 to £150,000, depending on size and position. It is essential to allow at least £250,000 for a package including land, a completed three-bedroom villa with landscaped garden and swimming pool, although a £450,000 price tag is more like the norm. However, with owners including Sheikh Yamani and the Aga Khan, £2 million and £3 million homes are not unusual and a resale, when available, averages £750,000.

An apartment scheme, La Cascada, so named for the planned tiered swimming-pool complex, is being built directly overlooking Porto Cervo. This is the heart of the Costa Smeralda and boasts a selection of shops, including Gucci and Cartier, a bank, restaurants and a five-star hotel, all grouped around the marina itself. La Cascada is due for completion by next May and prices for the 21 units, some of which will have private plunge pools, range from £74,000, £175,000 and £320,000 for the one, two and three-bedroom homes.

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Robert Trent-Jones has also designed the cliff-top Atlantic Ocean-hugging, 18-hole course at Quinta da Marinha, a country leisure estate situated a half-

hour drive north of Lisbon. Quinta da Marinha was once the vast estate of a wealthy Portuguese family and now, 50 acres of it are being sympathetically developed to meet the needs of the 1980s holiday-home purchaser.

There are riding stables, a tennis complex with floodlit courts, two excellent swimming pool complexes, a golf club, with restaurant, bar and card-room, a small supermarket and a management and rental office. The first phase of 39 detached villas, built three years ago, is sold and a second phase of 25 villas and 49 town houses is being built. A selection of properties is available, due for completion by summer 1988. Future plans include a hotel with conference facilities.

Scattered among the pine trees are clusters of whitewashed, split level, one and two-bedroom town houses. The two-bedders are all semi-detached, one-bedroom houses, with enormous garden-pools, are available from £65,000. Just a few detached two and three-bedroom villas remain for sale at between £145,000 and £190,000.

For details, contact Quinta da Marinha at 462 Kings Road, London S10 0LG, tel. 01-351 7318.

Estoril, perhaps best known for its casino, is a short drive south from the rural splendours of Quinta da Marinha. Towns lovers seeking perhaps a long-term retirement home in Portugal, may well consider Estoril Garden, a planned apartment complex of 58 homes which will overlook the large square in Estoril centre, dominated by the casino and in the heart of the shopping area, but a five-minute stroll from the sea. The scheme is scheduled to begin in November, with phase one completed by April 1989.

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## THE ANTIQUES WORLD

## Shows of the late summer

Though the auction season does not start until October, saleroom addicts need not fret, writes Huon Mallalieu

At this time of year, such of the civilized world as can move north, and those of us marooned in London remember with fresh poignancy the opening pages of *The Riddle of the Sands*. In Scotland, at the Edinburgh Festival and elsewhere, all is life. In Edinburgh, the exhibition of watercolours by William Simpson, a great war artist, will be joined at the Fine Art Society, 12 Great King Street, by a Fabergé show of pieces from the *Forbes* magazine collection.

There will also be costume designs for the Ballets Russes by Leon Bakst, as a further nod to the festival's Russian theme, and the combined shows run until August 31. In its Glasgow gallery, 134 Blythswood Street, the society is showing recent watercolours by that impressive 80-year-old, James McIntosh Patrick.

At the end of the month Sotheby's will pay its 21st annual visit to the Gleneagles Hotel for a Scottish sale. On August 31 there will be silver, jewellery, a 76-oz collection of Wemyss ware pottery, and, suitable to the month, good quality sporting guns. On the following day there are paintings and watercolours.

Wemyss ware was produced in Kirkcaldy from about 1880 to 1930, and the flower-painted pigs, intended for doorsteps, have become popular far beyond Scotland. However, there were many other products and styles, and these too are now widely collected. A rare washing-set covered bucket, painted with flamingos and a monogram for the fifth Earl of Rosebery, has an estimate of up to £1,200, and there are eggs (loving cups), candlesticks, vases, jardinières, ink stands and basins.

The best of the guns, at from £20,000 to £25,000, is a pair of lightweight 12-bore Purdeys, built in 1930 during the "golden age" of English gun-making. The paintings include a version of Sir George Harvey's well-known "The Curriers" (estimate £30,000 to £40,000).

Unlike Sotheby's, Phillips has its own premises in Scotland, but on September 4 it will hold an action at the Ingliston showground of the Royal Highland and Agricultural Society. This is appropriate, because their sale is of sporting and agricultural paintings, some of them being primitive animal portraits from

the society's own collection, such as the splendid Dunearn Ox, and the bear bred by the Marquess of Tweeddale and shown by the Duke of Buccleuch at the Society's Show at Aberdeen in 1840.

For those who have travelled south-west rather than north, Beane's of Torquay has sales of paintings, watercolours and prints on September 3, and of furniture, works of art and collectors' items on September 16.

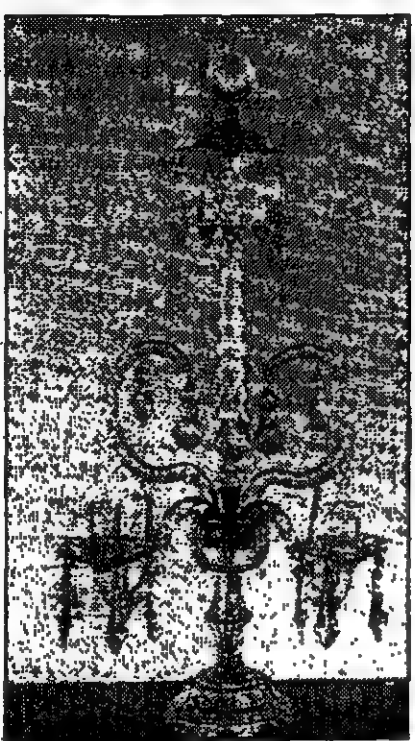
Though the autumn season does not really get under way until October, there will be a few exhibitions opening in London during September. With Simpson, his fellow Scot, and the English Edward Lear, David Roberts was one of the best as well as best-known travel artists of the 19th century. He claimed to be the first professional to record Egypt and the Holy Land, and the 240 lithographs made by Louis Haghe from his drawings on the spot are romantic masterpieces.

Prints from both the very rare subscription edition and the first edition will be on show at the Schuster Gallery, 14 Maddox Street, London W1, from September 1 to 26.

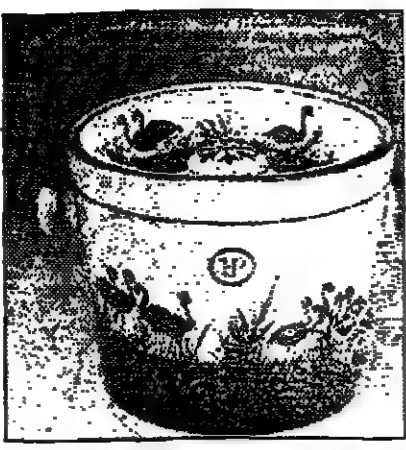
Between September 11 and the end of the month, the map specialist, Jonathan Potter, will show maps of North America at 21 Grosvenor Street, London W1. English counties follow in October.

During the summer and Christmas breaks in its selling seasons, Sotheby's has taken to housing exhibitions in its Bond Street rooms. From September 5 to 13 it will celebrate the 65-year history of the House of Chanel.

Of course, despite the closing of the grander auction houses there are sales in London during August and September. Often, in fact, they are among the most worthwhile of the year, because the competition may be weak. Both Phillips



Candelabra for two lights, for sale at next month's Burlington House Fair



Washing set bucket, c 1900, for auction at Gleneagles next month

and Christie's South Kensington are pushing the newly-established collecting field of pop memorabilia, with sales on August 26 and 28 respectively. At South Kensington there is the only official tape of the Beatles' last concert, and unpublished photographs of Marilyn Monroe. For enthusiasts in another new area, the same auctioneers have aeronautical memorabilia on September 3.

On September 1 Bonhams offers a bronze bust of the great Sir Horatio Davis. Who? I hear you ask. Well, he may surely claim to be the very spirit of English summer, because he was the founder and chairman of Pimm's. The bust is by a Neapolitan, Fosca, and has an estimate of £400 to £600.

Another immortal is Norman Hunter and Heath Robinson's Professor Branestawm, and on September 9 in a sale of 19th and 20th century illustrators' work, the same auctioneers have the Heath Robinson study of the Professor as "The Clock burst with a terrific crash" (£500 to £700).

Between August 25 and 30 there is the London Antique Dealers' Fair at the Café Royal, opening at 2 pm on the first day and at 11 am thereafter. Then the major London event of September is the biennial Burlington House Fair at the Royal Academy from the ninth to the twentieth. There will be about 60 exhibitors from nine countries, and the range is from the most expensive "museum standard" pieces to decorative prints, maps and pottery. Bernard Steinitz of Paris and Bernheimer of Munich and London will have high-quality continental 18th-century furniture.

Also from London, Richard Philp will have Elizabethan and Jacobean portraits; Ackermann, sporting and marine paintings; Jonathan Horne, delftware; Harriet Wynter, old medical and dental instruments; and there will be a chance for southerners to see the Forbes Fabergé, which is on loan here, too, joined by further pieces from the collections of the Queen and the Queen Mother.

From overseas there will be tapestries shown by Galerie Chevalier of Paris, medieval enamel and sculpture by Peters' Oude Kunst of Holland and Oriental works of art by Gerald Godfrey of Hong Kong.

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## FOOTBALL

# United faithful will accept nothing less than a victory

By Ian Ross

Manchester United will begin the long haul back to respectability in the eyes of their disillusioned supporters at an expectant Old Trafford tonight. The brief but costly summer spending spree of the manager, Alex Ferguson, has fuelled anticipation to such an extent that anything other than a first League championship success in two decades will be deemed a catastrophic failure.

Having firmly nailed his colours to the mast by declaring that he felt confident of breaking the Merseyside monopoly of the game's most coveted prize, Ferguson is well aware that an anticlimactic performance against Arsenal could have a far-reaching effect on his side's morale.

Ferguson refuses to be deterred by the disappointment of surrendering two points to Southampton at the Dell at

the weekend and remains confident his reshaped side can launch a sustained challenge in the months ahead.

"I picked Saturday's team to do the business and, but for a couple of lapses in concentration, it would have worked. I thought we were superb in the first half," he said.

With Bryan Robson, the England captain, available despite fracturing his nose on Saturday, Ferguson has, predictably, announced an unchanged line-up with Albiston and Davenport the likely substitutes.

"I am expecting this to be a very hard game for us. Arsenal will be revved up after their disappointment of last season when they lost the leadership of the first division after being beaten by us at Old Trafford," the United manager said.

## Metgod ready to make full contribution

Johnny Metgod, Tottenham Hotspur's £250,000 summer signing, is set to make his first full appearance at White Hart Lane on Saturday. There are fitness questions about Gary Mabbutt and Gary Stevens, however.

In today's other games, Dean Glover, who scored on his debut for Metgod's previous club, Nottingham Forest, on Saturday, will keep his place for the home match against Watford. Both Forest and Watford look certain to be unbeaten.

Jim Smith, the Queen's Park Rangers manager, is likely to retain the line-up which won 3-0 at West Ham United for tomorrow's home game with Derby County.

The Norwich City manager, Ken Brown, has dropped his

son, Kenny, for the home match against Southampton this evening, one of four changes to the team against Everton on Saturday. Ian Culverhouse replaces Brown at right back. Ian Crook is preferred to the player-coach, David Williams, in midfield, and Fox, aged 19, takes over from Gordon on the right wing. With Putney injured, Bowen will almost certainly make his debut.

## Halt at Crewe

Crewe's Littlewoods Cup first leg against Shrewsbury tomorrow night has been postponed until next Tuesday because ground safety improvements at Greys Road have not been completed. The return leg at Shrewsbury has been rescheduled for September 8.

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# Government opts to wait and see over hooliganism

By John Goodbody

The Government is to scrutinize police reports and this Friday's Football League inquiry into last weekend's violence at Scarborough to see if further measures are necessary to counter hooliganism. The football authorities will be under pressure to carry out more positive action, including the introduction of 50 per cent membership schemes throughout the League.

Despite a statement from Mr David Evans, the Conservative MP and chairman of Luton Town, that clubs, including Arsenal and Tottenham Hotspur, who do not have the identity-card scheme, will be closed down within three months, Mrs Thatcher is not yet focusing her attention on the problem.

But if Saturday's violence at Scarborough continues elsewhere, the Prime Minister may want to see the football authorities as she did several times in the year after the Heysel stadium disaster.

A spokesman for the Minister for Sport at the Department of the Environment said yesterday: "We are pleased that the Football Association acted so swiftly. But we will be looking carefully at the reports from the police and the Football League's own inquiry on Friday at Scarborough to see if more action is needed."

On Monday, the FA made away games involving Wolverhampton Wanderers all-ticket after a minority of their supporters were involved in incidents at Scarborough which led to £20,000

worth of damage and 56 arrests.

The Government will want to see written evidence from the relevant local police if the membership scheme is not implemented at all clubs by the time Colin Moynihan, the Minister for Sport, meets officials of the Football League in six weeks time.

The percentage that was agreed by both sides last February was "at least 50 per cent of each ground's capacity as determined by the conditions of the ground's Safety Certificate". But the League is now interpreting this as "50 per cent of the spectator accommodation for home supporters", a far lower percentage.

If the League clubs will not carry the agreed percentage voluntarily, and remember, it was originally proposed by Mrs Thatcher that everyone going to a match should have an identity card, then the Government may ultimately be forced to bring in legislation to enforce its compromise.

But this will depend upon the extent of the hooliganism in the forthcoming weeks, and how accommodating the League clubs are. Many clubs would have to alter the structure of their stadiums or cut their capacity attendances to meet these requirements. Understandably, they are reluctant to do so.

The League's own determination was stressed yesterday by its appointment of an anti-hooligan officer, Jack Crawford, the former assistant

Chief Constable of Merseyside. He will advise clubs on all aspects of crowd control, including introducing membership schemes and advising clubs and police how to carry out crowd control.

Dick Homden, the Wolves chairman, and Jack Harris, the vice-chairman, are planning a meeting with officials from Wolverhampton Council for urgent talks to discuss problems caused by unruly supporters.

The council own the ground and officials have warned they could withdraw financial backing from the fourth division club if the supporters repeat their behaviour at Scarborough.

Bill Clarke, the council leader, said that the town's ratepayers would not tolerate it giving backing to a club whose fans caused trouble on the terraces. He said: "We are deeply concerned about improving the image of Wolverhampton."

Gordon Jones, the chairman of Wolverhampton leisure services committee, warned that if matters were not put right the council, as landlords, "will have to impose its own restrictions to prevent further trouble."

Scarborough also decided, after a five-hour board meeting, the longest in the club's 108-year history, that in future they may have 11 a.m. kick-offs at games where it was thought there could be trouble from away supporters. Some games will be all-ticket and the club are also considering banning away supporters.

## Cup row centres on NZ entry

By Barry Pickthall

The continuing wrangles over the staging of the next America's Cup took a new twist yesterday when the San Diego Yacht Club dismissed New Zealand's controversial challenge to race next year.

It said that the challenge from Auckland's Mercury Bay Boating Club, headed by Michael Fay, was the third such notice the Club had received since Dennis Conner won the Cup last February.

Dr Frederick Frye, Commodore of the San Diego club, confirmed that the British syndicate head, Graham Walker, had been first to issue a challenge, three days after Conner's Stars and Stripes scored a 4-0 victory over Kookaburra III, of Australia. According to the 100-year-old Deed of Gift governing the America's Cup competition, challenges must be dealt with in the order they are received.

Fay believed he was first with a formal challenge and could thus dictate the type of boat, date and course and called for a three-race series off San Diego next June in hi-tech yachts with a waterline of 90ft when visiting the Californian Club on July 17.

Under the Deed of Gift, challenging documents must include the vessel's owner, name, rig and principle dimensions. Yesterday, Graham Walker refused to divulge the contents of his challenge document. Frye, asked if Walker's letter was an actual challenge or merely a message of intent, said: "It was a challenge, yes."

Walker said yesterday: "I am very pleased that the San Diego Club has decided that our challenge was first. But it is they who have decided that it is legal and it must be up to them to publish the contents."

Last night, the American club appeared equally reluctant to show its hand, leaving New Zealanders with the choice of either letting the matter die or calling their bluff in an expensive gamble before the New York Supreme Court.

Just why it has taken the American club five weeks to rule out the New Zealand challenge on such an obvious technicality remained unclear last night. Andrew Johns, legal advisor to Michael Fay's Mercury Bay syndicate, said yesterday: "Never once in all our conversations with San Diego was there even an intimation of a prior challenge."

Walker's challenge was made in the name of the Crusade Yacht Club set up last year as a private hospitality facility during the last Cup contest in Fremantle. The clubhouse has subsequently been sold and in order to comply with the Deed of Gift, Walker and his fellow club members must organize a regatta on the sea before next February if their challenge is to remain legal.

"I hope they invite me to compete," Johns said.



Falling behind: Capel is caught by French for Saxelby's third wicket in 10 balls for no runs

## Imperfect pitch makes Northants go to pieces

By John Woodcock, Cricket Correspondent

TRENT BRIDGE: Nottinghamshire (24pts) beat Northamptonshire (2) by an innings and 132 runs.

The pleasure which the Nottinghamshire committee felt at seeing their side bowl Northamptonshire out for 97 at Trent Bridge yesterday, thereby extending their lead at the head of the county championship to 32 points, was just a little tinged, I imagine, with embarrassment. Their reputation for producing underprepared pitches had been reinforced as Northamptonshire lost their last nine wickets in 26.4 overs for 51 runs.

Geoff Cook, Northamptonshire's captain, described yesterday's conditions as being "a bowler's paradise". He will not, however, be reporting the pitch as "unfit for first-class cricket". It might smack rather of sour grapes if he did. And anyway, as Nottinghamshire's main challengers, Northamptonshire themselves may have an eye on the main chance. "Championships" Cook said, "are not won on flat pitches." Northamptonshire play Worcestershire at Northampton today, so watch that space.

It is hard to think that any serious effort had been made at Trent Bridge to satisfy the Test and County Cricket Board's request that pitches should be made as fast and true as possible and reasonably durable. I am not alone, I am sure, in feeling a good deal of sympathy for Nottinghamshire that they will be without four of their leading players for the next week or in thinking that in view of their

position in the championship MCC should have waived their right to claim Rice as a replacement for Botham in tomorrow's bicentenary match. But that does not entitle them to make pitches which go to pieces quite as this one did, to be sure of a result.

It was Saxelby, rather than Hadlee who broke the back of the Northamptonshire innings yesterday. The only victim of Hadlee's opening spell was Cook, caught at second slip off an evil lifter, and Northamptonshire might just have settled for that. Larkins was still there, playing with unusual circumspection, and Hemmings, although turning the ball appreciably, was having trouble with his line.

Saxelby took over from Hadlee at 11.45, the score 50 for one. In his second over Larkins slashed him straight to cover point, a short ball of no particular merit. The next ball — let us be kind and call it an inswinging yorker rather than an inswinging full toss — bowled Lamb off his foot. When, in his next over, Saxelby had Capel caught by French, off something as nasty as Cook's, he had taken three wickets for no runs in 10 balls.

The next three wickets went to Hemmings, who had reverted from round to over the wicket. Bailey, having hung on for 40 minutes, was surprised by lift and turn as he made room to play the ball into the off side. The left-handed Wild was caught at the wicket off what to him was a leg break, and Williams made the mistake this time — he had resisted the temptation on Monday — of trying to cut a turning off break.

### SPORT IN BRIEF

#### England to play Israel

England will play an international match in Israel next February to mark the sixtieth anniversary of football in the country. It will be the second time the two teams have met at international level.

On the most recent occasion, Bryan Robson scored two goals to help England to victory. Bobby Robson, the England manager, said: "We only beat them 2-1 last time out and their football is much improved. In February I need to select a venue where I can guarantee the match will not be affected by the weather."

Robson flies to Paris for tonight's match between the French championship leaders, Monaco, and Paris Saint-Germain. He will be making a form check on Monaco's England players, Glenn Hoddle and Mark Hateley, before naming his first England squad of the season in two weeks for the friendly against West Germany in Düsseldorf on September 9.

Paris Saint-Germain could again ignore Ray Wilkins, another England player, who has been struggling to find his form. Wilkins was dropped for Saturday's 2-1 win at Nîort and replaced by the Argentine wing player, Gabriel Calderon.

#### Late starters

Gloucester Rugby Club face the season minus two key players. Mike Teague and John Gadd, both forwards, have said they would not be available for the first few months while they contemplate their playing futures.

#### Rush cleared

Turin, Juventus confirmed yesterday they would release Ian Rush and Michael Laudrup to play in the Wales versus Denmark European championship qualifying match on September 9, four days before the start of the Italian season.

#### Cowdrey back

Graham Cowdrey, aged 23, the youngest son of the former England captain, Colin Cowdrey, returns to the Kent Second XI side today for the match against Lancashire just under a month after sustaining a broken jaw.

#### Date fixed

The final heat of the speedway national league four team tournament semi-final, which had to be abandoned after seven of the eight races, will be concluded at Milton Keynes on August 25.

#### Cologne bound

Paris — Pierre Litbarski, the West German international, has returned to Cologne on a three-year contract after just one year with Racing Paris.

## Europe awaits positive steps

By Tom Peadar, MP

Chairman of the Parliamentary Labour Party Sports Committee and of the All-Party Football Committee

The Centenary football season has begun and our clubs once more come under close scrutiny both on and off the field. Unlike a year ago, all the signs are that it could be a glorious season for English football. The championship race looks wide open, the European championships beckon and my own Derby County are back in the first division.

Gates are on the increase and the hooligan problem is hopefully on the wane, as over the last 12 months, almost a million more people than in the 1985-86 season have watched our national game, and troublemakers have been curbed. Football's popularity is clearly shown by the ease with which a new sponsor, Barclays Bank, was found for the League following the withdrawal of the Today sponsor.

Despite all these positive developments English clubs are still not back in European club competitions. It is clearly not good enough to sit back and wait for UEFA to change its mind without presenting a positive rebuttal of those unseemly elements in our game that saw us banned from Europe after the Heysel tragedy.

### The new exclusion orders will help

Football in this country is, belatedly, getting its act together. Attitudes are changing and, only last week, voices as diverse as Brian Clough, Jimmy Hill and the Minister for Sport, Colin Moynihan, were united in calling for football to carry on from where it left off last season.

Philip Carter, of the League, and Bert Millichip, of the Football Association, know that English clubs are close to being readmitted to Europe but that events on the terraces, and indeed in West Germany in September and next summer, will be the key to re-acceptance.

The exclusion orders, which came into force for football this month, will help. Now anyone found guilty of an offence connected with a football match can be excluded from all games in this country for a determined period of time. This should help remove the tiny hard core hooligan element from football, hopefully for ever. In particular I think the events at Scarborough last Saturday will provide a good test in excluding those who caused the trouble from all League grounds.

The people involved with the game at all levels have a duty to create a climate at football matches that encourages tolerance rather than tolerance. Those of us in the House must make sure that football is neither used as a scapegoat for problems in society nor as a battleground for cheap political point scoring. My committee will do its best to help our case for readmission when UEFA considers the situation next March.

### Our supporters deserve more

Football clubs themselves have the chance to show UEFA that they are committed to change by implementing the 50 per cent membership scheme agreed between the League and the Government last season.

Of greatest importance however are the football supporters themselves. Our supporters deserve more from clubs — not just better toilets and more coffee but decent views of the pitch and fair prices. They are, after all, the lifeblood of our game so they deserve respect, and indeed, power and responsibility within the game to curb the antics of pseudo-supporters.

Compled with improvements in our game should be the development of imaginative schemes for football. The Community Programme developed by the Professional Footballers Association in the north has shown how to bring the clubs closer to the local people who use them. The closed-circuit television screening of Leeds United's FA Cup tie against Wigan Athletic last season was watched live by 6,000 fans back in Yorkshire. Such an idea should obviously be developed for European football and, indeed, Rangers look set to repeat the scheme for the away leg of their tie with Dynamo Kiev.

## Cup places reduced in Europe

Berne (AP) — The continuing suspension of English clubs from European football competition has cut to two their number of positions in next season's UEFA Cup, according to the organization's list, which was published yesterday.

Participation of English teams in the Cup is theoretical, however, as UEFA banned them from the three European cup tournaments, of which the UEFA Cup is one, after the Heysel stadium disaster in 1985.

The European body last March extended the ban to this season: the England contingent has already dropped to three from the maximum of four Italy, the Soviet Union and West Germany can send the maximum of four clubs. Other berths include three to Spain, Scotland, Portugal, Belgium, Austria; two to England, Yugoslavia, Sweden, Czechoslovakia, Romania, France, The Netherlands, East Germany, Greece, Hungary, Poland, Switzerland, Bulgaria and one to Finland, Turkey, Denmark, Albania, Cyprus, Norway, Northern Ireland, Ireland, Iceland, Malta and Luxembourg.

## Derby's directors fund Wright deal

By Dennis Shaw

Derby County's delayed signing of the defender, Mark Wright, from Southampton was completed at the Baseball Ground yesterday with an announcement from the chairman, Robert Maxwell, that directors had helped to fund the £760,000 deal.

The overnight mystery of why the transfer was not completed on Monday, as arranged, was cleared up by the chairman's brief statement revealing that his boardroom colleagues had been called upon for financial support. No hint was given on the question of the shortfall between how much was available through club funds and the amount Mr Maxwell accrued by means of donations from other directors.

Coming so soon after the £1 million capture of Peter Shilton, the transaction has obviously stretched club

funds. When the Baseball Ground press conference was staged, 24 hours after first being called, there were no directors present. The managing director, Stuart Webb, was at the ground but did not meet the media.

Whatever discussions had taken place behind the scenes, there was satisfaction on the part of Wright and the manager, Arthur Cox, who likened the signing to the late Bill Shankly's capture of the Anfield defensive legend, Ron Yeats, many years ago.

Aged 24, talented, quick on the ground and powerful in the air, Wright said that he saw the move as one which would help him extend his England career. "This is a club with a great deal of tradition," he said. "Also, with Roy McFarland coaching me, I am hoping it will help to make me an England player for a long time to come."

## Moorhouse sets record for gold

From Roy Moor

Strasbourg

Adrian Moorhouse confirmed his status as the world's leading 100 metres breast-stroke racer with a European record-breaking 62.13sec in retaining his title at the European championships here last night. The record followed his morning success when he set a European championship time of 62.58sec in producing the fastest of the qualifying heats.

The champion's toughest challenge in the final came, as expected, from the Russian, Dmitry Volkov, who had fought him close in the heats; but in spite of his improving on Moorhouse's morning championship record with 62.43sec in the final, Volkov could not check the champion's progress to victory down the final length. Gianni Minervini, of Italy, also broke 63sec with 62.66 in taking the bronze.

After a false start by

Minervini, all eight finalists were away to a perfect start, with Volkov taking an initial stroke-race from a longer plunge underwater. The Russian was still ahead at the turn with 28.74sec to Moorhouse's 29.06. From then, however, the British champion took command to claim his third gold medal in successive European championships. He won over 200 metres in 1983 before landing the first of his 100 titles two years later.

Moorhouse said after last night's race that he hoped to break the world record 61.65sec held by the American, Steve Lundquist. "I know I'm capable of doing so," he said, "and I felt ready to do it tonight but I went out just a bit too hard over the first length and this told on me at the finish when my arms began to feel a bit heavy."

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## Christie finds his title counts for nothing

From Pat Butcher, Athletics Correspondent, Zurich

Not for nothing is the Zurich grand prix meeting called the *Weltklasse*, as Linford Christie has found out to his cost in more ways than one. Christie, the European 100 metres champion, had planned to finalize his preparation for the world championships by competing in both the 100 and 200 metres here.

But Christie was put off when told that he would have to run the heats of the 100 metres, due to the big fields. One of the organizers said: "The only exceptions are Ben Johnson, Calvin Smith, and

Carl Lewis, if he comes." That is to say, the world's fastest man at present, the world record holder and the Olympic champion are given a free passage to the final.

The additional slight is that Christie will lose around \$5,000 because this is the richest meeting on the circuit. But Christie will still get his final preparation, in London. He runs in the 100 and 200 metres in the Dairy Crest meeting on Saturday.

Johnson's chances of the world record have diminished with the thunderstorms here.

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